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## HOWE SETS UP UNESCO PULL-OUT

### Tory MPs upset by FO economies

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, Foreign Secretary, provoked a barrage of protest from Conservative and other MPs when he announced yesterday that Britain was giving notice of withdrawal from Unesco, and that he was making economies across the board in the Foreign Office.

He told MPs that the Government would withdraw from Unesco—the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation—in 1986 unless progress were made in reforming the agency's much-criticised spending programme.

The Foreign Secretary was cheered by some Government supporters when he announced his decision on Unesco—which has been accused of anti-Western bias—but ran into immediate criticism from Mr Heath and the opposition.

More ominously, a series of senior Tories, including Mr Heath, Mr Pym and Mr Edward du Cann, attacked his economy package, which has been put together in an attempt to defuse a backbench campaign against originally planned cuts in foreign aid.

Sir Geoffrey told MPs that the package would comprise the closure of ten small diplomatic missions, increased entry clearance fees for foreigners, and cuts for both the British Council and the External Services of the BBC.

And while he argued that his revised proposals on overseas aid would not involve cuts, his critics did not take that view. Some claimed privately that they had been misled the night before into thinking the economies would be more nearly restored.

As a sizeable Tory rebellion loomed on a liberal motion condemning the economies, the officers of the Conservative backbench foreign affairs committee took the apparently unprecedented decision to abstain from last night's vote en bloc in protest.

#### Culmination of

#### Tory row

While they made it clear that they were offering a lead both to wavering Tory loyalists, and to those who had intended to rebel, unless Sir Geoffrey had more to offer on overseas aid, they expected a number of Conservative MPs to vote for the Liberal motion.

Sir Geoffrey's announcement of the economy package, and the backbench reaction to it, was the culmination of a row within the Tory ranks at Westminster that began a fortnight ago as Mr Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, prepared to announce public spending plans for next year.

MPs who had been more concerned with planned cuts to the housing and defence programmes, suddenly suspected that Sir Geoffrey had given an unacceptable amount of ground to his successor at the Treasury and accepted massive cuts in the aid programme.

## Mrs Thatcher baffled at Fitzgerald claims

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

THE Prime Minister voiced "total disagreement" yesterday with claims by Dr Garret Fitzgerald, her Irish counterpart, that she had been "gratuitously offensive" to the Republic in comments she made after their Chequers summit.

"I do not understand his comment in any way," Mrs Thatcher told MPs when pressed on the issue in the Commons during question time.

Whitehall was trying yesterday to depict the argument as one which need have no lasting effect on Anglo-Irish relations. It was recognised that Mrs Thatcher's dismissal of the proposals made last night by Dr Fitzgerald's "New Ireland Forum" was inevitable.



## THATCHER CONDEMNS UPROAR

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

THE Prime Minister and the Speaker yesterday condemned Labour MPs who caused the suspension of the Commons sitting on Wednesday night with a demonstration against a Government change in social security benefits.

Mrs Thatcher said that the protest was a "very ugly incident" and the Speaker, Mr Weatherill, warned MPs that such conduct undermined the authority of Parliament.

The row, over the effect of the benefits change on the families of striking miners, raged on in the chamber yesterday but without any of the disruption of the night before.

The Government had announced that the £15-a-week deduction from supplementary benefits for strikers' families is to be increased to £16 because unions are deemed to give strike pay during disputes.

## TELECOM HITS BUILDING SOCIETIES

By Our City Staff

Building societies are reporting a surge of withdrawals from customers applying for British Telecom shares and now expects November's cash inflow to be only half October's—not enough to meet mortgage demand.

About £900 million of the £1,500 million investors must pay for Telecom shares next week is expected to come from private individuals, and the societies expect at least half of that coming from their accounts.

## HOMES FLOODED IN CALE CHAOS

Gales and torrential rain brought havoc to the South East yesterday. Waves 20ft high crashed over sea defences in Kent and Sussex. Hundreds of homes were flooded, telephone and electricity lines brought down and roads flooded up to 2ft deep.

## TWO HOLES-IN-ONE

Woman golfer Jean Mason, 25, of Shaldon, Devon, has holed in one on two consecutive days at the 98-yard 16th hole at Teignmouth golf club.

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## 1.4m pensioners face benefit cut

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

MORE than one million pensioners face a cut of up to £1 a week in supplementary benefit payments for heating their homes under new regulations coming into force next week.

But heating payments of a basic £2-10 a week will be given to 176,000 more pensioners.

The change in the regulations is being introduced at the same time that all benefits are increased by an average of 5.1 per cent.

Heating payments are at present paid automatically to pensioners over 70 who qualify for supplementary benefit. From next week made will be paid automatically to pensioners over the age of 65 provided they are on supplementary benefit.

A higher rate of heating addition, £5-20 a week, will also be paid automatically, for the first time, to supplementary benefit claimants over the age of 65.

To offset the cost of these extra payments, the Department of Health and Social Security is deducting £1 from the heating addition paid to those who receive the long-term rate of supplementary benefit. This is estimated to affect 1,245,000 pensioners. The £1 cut will also hit some single persons.

A spokesman for the Department explained that the cut in heating payments was the long-term rate of supplementary benefit, £35-70 from next week, was higher than the ordinary rate, (£28-05) to cover extra costs such as heating.

200 pit families face cuts—P2

## ROWLAND TO RESIGN AT FRASER

Mr Tiny Rowland, chief executive of Lonrho, yesterday agreed to resign from the board of the House of Fraser group, along with Lonrho chairman Lord Duncan-Sandys.

They would otherwise have faced an extraordinary general meeting to sack them. The former Lonrho stake of 29.9 per cent of Fraser is now held by the Egyptian Al-Fayed family.

## LATE NEWS

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## ISRAELI TROOPS SHOOT STUDENT

By Our Jerusalem Correspondent

Serious riots and tension on the West Bank of the Jordan, which yesterday coincided with the opening in Amman of the meeting of the Palestine National Council, continued yesterday.

## JOB CUTS ANXIETY

A demand by Mr DON DIXON (Lab., Jarrow) for an emergency debate on British Shipbuilders' plans for 5,000 redundancies, rejected by the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, yesterday. Jobless youngsters would not accept the solutions of the 1930s, said Mr Dixon.

## £3m PORT TERMINAL

A £3 million roll-on, roll-off cargo terminal is to be set up at Ipswich. The facility is expected to increase trade with Holland, Belgium and Scandinavia.

## Today's Weather

GENERAL STRATIFICATION: Deep depression N.W. of Scotland will maintain strong, showery S.W. air stream. Frontal trough will pass close to S.

## CHEAPER BANK LOANS

By CLIFFORD GERMAN Financial Correspondent

NATIONAL Westminster Bank led the way for Lloyds and the Midland in cutting base lending rates by 1/2 per cent, yesterday, taking advantage of the overnight cut in the American discount rate, and leapfrogging the 1/2 per cent cut announced by Barclays Bank last Monday.

Interest rates paid on seven-day deposit accounts are also reduced by 1/2 per cent, and Lloyds is cutting its mortgage rate by 1/4 per cent to 11 1/2 per cent.

The Bank of England gave its approval of the reductions by cutting its dealing rates in the London money market into line with the lower levels.

The American decision to reduce its discount rate reopened the way for cheaper money in Britain.

## 7,000 JOBS AT COUNCILS WILL GO

By JOHN GRIGSBY Local Government Correspondent

MORE than 7,000 jobs will go and £100 million will be saved by the "rationalisation" involved in the abolition of the Greater London Council and the six metropolitan county councils, Mr Baker, Local Government Minister, said yesterday.

The Government was determined that the G.L.C. and the county councils, all Labour-controlled, would be abolished on March 31, 1986, he said at a Press conference.

## OIL PRICES SLIDE TO CRISIS LEVEL

By Our Business Correspondent

Oil prices weakened again on the Rotterdam "spot" market yesterday, falling close to the crisis levels, which hit sterling in July.

Crude from the Brent field of Shell-Eso in the North Sea was quoted at only \$27-50 a barrel for delivery in January, 15 cents down on the previous day.

Prices of both North Sea and Saudi crude are down by between 40 and 50 cents a barrel compared with a week ago.

## MINERS HIT NEEDY

The miners lodge at Blaenau, near Neath, South Wales, yesterday banned coal supplies to needy pensioners, hospital patients and the handicapped in the area, because two rebel miners went to work at the local pit.

## WIVES IN PRISON BREAK INQUIRY

Mrs Lorraine Kendall, wife of one of the prisoners freed from a prison van smashed by a gang at Reigate on Tuesday, was interviewed yesterday at Reigate police station.

Mrs Tracy Smith, wife of the other prisoner, was still there yesterday after being held overnight helping police inquiries.

## Gromyko and Shultz fix date for arms talks

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

AMERICA and Russia have agreed to meet at Foreign Minister level in Geneva on Jan. 7-8 to revive their long-dormant dialogue on curbing the nuclear arms race.

Washington and Moscow announced in a joint statement yesterday that Mr Shultz, Secretary of State, and Mr Gromyko, his Soviet counterpart, would discuss at their Geneva encounter the agenda for reviving arms control talks.

Both governments have agreed "to enter new negotiations with the objective of reaching mutually acceptable agreements on the whole range of nuclear and outer space arms."

Mr Robert McFarlane, the White House national security adviser, said the purpose of the Shultz-Gromyko meeting would be to "reach a common understanding as to the subject and objective of such negotiations."

He quoted President Reagan as saying this would be "the first step on what will be a long and difficult road, but the world is depending on us."

Meanwhile American and Russian officials have just finished two days of talks in Washington on continuing America's massive grain exports to the Soviet Union.

After six successive poor harvests, Russia is expected this year to import a record 50 million tonnes of grain, and America hopes to provide at least one-third of this amount.

President Reagan has long since lifted the embargo imposed on American grain exports to Russia in response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

And he promised American farmers troubled by sagging markets for their bumper crop that Russia could buy up to 25 million tonnes of United States grain this year, 10 million tonnes more than originally envisaged.

At around the time Mr Shultz will be meeting Mr Gromyko, a leading United States Commerce Department official will be in Moscow heading a delegation to discuss United States-Soviet trade.

## MINISTERS 'SAVE' £60m A YEAR

By Our Political Staff

The cost of running Government departments has risen more than the rate of inflation every year since 1979-80, Mr Peter Rees, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said in a Commons written reply yesterday.

He said Ministers were making savings of £60 million a year, including up to £22 million a year from a review of staffing allowances in the employment benefit service; £12 million from contracting out cleaning and catering at the Ministry of Defence; and £4 million a year from a new mail system in the D.H.S.S.

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## 200 MINERS' FAMILIES HIT BY £1 CUT

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

FEWER than 200 miners' families would lose cash as a result of the extra £1 a week to be deducted from strikers' social security payments, the Department of Health and Social Security stated yesterday.

The vast majority of the 47,000 miners' wives claiming supplementary benefit will receive exactly the same amount when the changes are introduced next week. Those who do lose money will only lose a few pence each week.

Many wives, mostly those with children of school age, will be slightly better off.

Since the miners' strike started a total of £24,100,000 has been paid out in welfare benefits to their families. The numbers claiming last week totalled 47,115.

Under existing regulations strikers' families have £15 a week deducted from any supplementary benefit they receive to compensate for strikes, pay which their union is assumed to be paying.

The money is deducted irrespective of whether strike pay is actually being made—the N.U.M. does not pay strike pay—and will rise to £16 next week.

The increase coincides with the annual rise in all welfare benefit payments. Supplementary benefit for an adult dependent—such as a striker's wife—will rise from £21.45 to £22.45.

The increase exactly cancels out the extra £1 deduction.

## 'Banishment' warning

By Our Industrial Correspondent

WORKING MINERS would be banished from the pits when the strike is over, Mr. George Rees, South Wales Area secretary of the miners' union, said yesterday.

Mr. Rees has written to all working miners in South Wales, saying they will be suspended from N.U.M. membership for crossing picket lines. As non-unionists they would no longer be able to work in the pits.

But Mr. Philip Weekes, Coal Board area director, said: "The jobs of men going to work will be protected when this strike is over. I guarantee that their jobs will be fully safeguarded by the Coal Board."

## NCB's strike statistics

Coal Board figures of pits working and on strike, the number of miners returning for the first time, and total numbers working yesterday:

	Normal working	Some coal	Min. working on no coal	Min. on strike	Men returning	Total working	Workforce
Scotland	—	—	2	10	70	1,000	12,200
N. East	—	—	15	2	327	2,321	20,200
N. Yorks	—	—	9	3	47	492	13,000
Doncaster	—	—	8	2	6	162	13,000
Barnsley	—	—	11	3	18	361	13,200
S. Yorks	—	—	12	3	116	1,297	13,300
N. Derby	—	—	6	3	178	1,271	10,000
Notts	25	—	—	—	a few	28,500	30,000
S. Mids	11	1	3	—	13	11,582	12,000
Western	9	5	3	—	75	10,860	14,000
S. Wales	—	—	4	24	2	110	19,500

These figures do not take account of "new starters" at coal products plants and returning clerical staff.

## Men back this week near 5000

Daily Telegraph Reporter

THERE were 856 new returning miners yesterday, bringing the total so far this week to 4,982.

Coal Board officials said that all of Scotland's 10 production pits had men working. Because of a confusion of national statistics this had not been made clear in the past 10 days.

"We are delighted to say that we have men, albeit a single man at one colliery, at all 10 of our production pits. Because of a confusion of figures and statistics generally, this has not shown up before in national statistics," said a Scottish N.C.B. official.

"Yesterday, for instance, national figures suggested we had three pits on strike—that is not so. The three pits deemed to be on strike—Polmaise, Bogside and Cardowan, are closed and were closed when the strike began. We regard these as non-production pits."

Double figures

There were 70 "new starters" in Scotland yesterday bringing the workforce there to 1,800. "This brings new starters to 600 this week and we expect this trend to continue," said an N.C.B. spokesman.

In eight of Scotland's production pits the workforce is now in double figures. One man is working at Comrie Colliery in Fife and four at Solethor Colliery—part of the Long Annick complex in West Fife.

So far this week new starters have numbered 4,982. "It is coming along very nicely and we are very encouraged by the daily figures," the N.C.B. spokesman said.

Solid support

The two new men had returned to work in the South Wales coal field yesterday, bringing the workforce to 110 men. N.U.M. officials said the strike was still "solidly supported" there.

The North East coal field yesterday recorded 327 new starters swelling the work force to 2,521 men.

North East area Coal Board officials declared the strike effectively over at Whitby Colliery in Northumberland (where 415 out of 700 men were working) and at Tursdale workshops, Co. Durham, where 213 out of 430 returned to work.

There were 187 "new starters" in the Yorkshire coal field and in the Western area, another 75 men reported for work, swelling the work force there to 10,860.

Another 15 men reported for work in the South Midlands coal field. In North Derbyshire there were 176 "new starters."

## STRIKE HEARING ARRANGEMENTS

By Our Political Staff

Twelve stipendiary magistrates have been appointed to sit until Dec. 21 at Birkenhead, Chesterfield, Pontefract, Rotherham, St Helens and Southrop. To deal with cases arising from the miners' strike, Sir Michael Havers, Attorney-General, said in a Commons written answer yesterday.

He told Mrs. Renee Short, (Lab., Wolverhampton North East), the further appointments would be made if requested by magistrates' courts committees.



Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother sheltering under an umbrella at Kempton Park yesterday as she watched her horse "Lunedale," the favourite, in the 1.45. The horse failed to finish.

## Police right to turn back pickets' cars

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

POLICE action in stopping and turning back cars carrying striking miners who, they believed, planned to take part in mass picketing which could have led to a breach of the peace was lawful, the Queen's Bench Divisional Court ruled yesterday.

In a test case appeal, Mr. Justice Skinner and Mr. Justice Otton dismissed appeals brought by four Yorkshire miners.

The men had claimed that the police exceeded their power when they stopped strikers' cars at an exit from the M1 in Nottinghamshire close to our collieries and ordered them to turn back.

When the miners refused, they were arrested and later convicted by magistrates at Mansfield of obstructing the police in the execution of their duty.

Mr. Justice Skinner said that if a police constable anticipated on reasonable grounds that a breach of the peace may be committed, he was under a duty to take reasonable steps to prevent that breach occurring.

The mere presence of the men at the motorway junction in the context of the situation in the Nottinghamshire coalfields would have been enough to justify the police in taking preventative action.

It is the first time since the miners' dispute began last March that there has been a detailed ruling on the legality of the widespread and controversial police practice of intercepting suspected pickets and turning them back some distance from collieries where they fear trouble.

While the judgment clearly endorses such police action close to pits where trouble is anticipated, the judges stressed that the feared breach of the peace must be imminent and immediate and "in close proximity both in place and time."

This must throw doubt on whether police acted lawfully earlier this year when they stopped Kent miners at the Dartford tunnel and warned them that they faced arrest if they tried to leave the county to join pickets from other areas.

## £30m SHIPPING CONTRACT LOST TO W. GERMANY

By Our Shipping Correspondent

British Shipbuilders is to lose more big contracts to West Germany because it does not have the equipment to enlarge four Townsend Thoresen car ferries at a cost of £30 million.

"It is a very complicated job," said Mr. W. J. Ayers, technical director of European Ferries, which owns Townsend Thoresen. "Only a few places in Europe are equipped for such a task and British Shipbuilders does not have the necessary heavy-lift crane capability."

Townsend Thoresen wants the ships cutting in two lengths to insert extra vehicle decks. They will also have a bigger front section added. The order goes to Schichau Unterweser, of Bremen, to start in January and the actual conversion over a 12-month period from June.

## HEATHROW TO GET OWN FORCE

By Our Crime Staff

Heathrow Airport is to have its own police force again. It had a separate force until 1974, when Scotland Yard took over during a major IRA bombing campaign.

It will become a separate district in the Metropolitan Police from Jan. 1. At present the airport is the headquarters of a district which includes West Drayton, Slimes and Sunbury. They will be incorporated into other districts.

## PORTS CHARGES RISE

By Our Shipping Correspondent

A five per cent. increase in charges will be made by the ports of Tees and Hartlepool on January 1 after a disappointing year affected by pit and dock strikes.

## COASTER BEATS BLOCKADE

By Our Industrial Staff

TRADE unions yesterday launched an investigation into how a small coastal collier, the Kindrance, beat the TUC-inspired blockade of coastal power stations and delivered 3,000 tons of Cumbrian coal to Shoreham power station in Sussex.

The vessel's coal drop is believed to be the first sea delivery of British-mined fuel to a C.E.G.B. power station since the 37-week miners' strike began.

Shoreham power station has traditionally relied for supplies on coals which are now strike-bound and whose pithead stocks are besieged by N.U.M. pickets.

Many other coastal power stations, including the major installations on the Thames Estuary, are in similar circumstances.

The 1,596-ton Kindrance, which is owned by the Register-based Crescent Shipping Line, is on time-charter to the C.E.G.B. She is one of about 30 colliers which in normal times ply British coasts delivering fuel to power stations.

The National Union of Seamen, one of the N.U.M.'s die-hard supporters in the strike, which has banned its members from carrying power station coal, has ordered an investigation into how the ship "slipped the net."

In fact the crew of five officers and five ratings are not N.U.S. members, although it is believed that some of them may belong to the Transport Workers' Union.

Because of the small scale of the delivery and the equally small power output of the Shoreham station, the incident is not regarded by union leaders as particularly important in these days when they are aware that if similar deliveries are attempted elsewhere, it will throw a critical spotlight on the effectiveness, or otherwise, of the TUC's guidelines governing fuel deliveries.

These call on transport workers, in road, rail or sea, not to "engage in or facilitate" the distribution of coal to power stations, and call on power station workers not to handle new deliveries.

But where these guidelines have been tested, the response has been patchy.

For example, coal from Cumbria has gone to Fiddlers Ferry station, near Chester, where a union non-acceptance rule ostensibly applies.

## STRIKERS SEIZE UNION HQ

By Our Industrial Staff

Strikers from Lancashire yesterday took over the National Union of Mineworkers' North Wales headquarters at Wrexham after the resumption of production at Borslough colliery.

The barricaded themselves inside with filing cabinets and furniture and ordered local pit leaders off the premises. Mr. Steve Howells, 28, a colliery mechanic who led the takeover, said they intended to remain as long as the strike lasted.

## NEW BUS CHAIRMAN

By Our Transport Correspondent

Mr. Robert Brook, 55, chief executive of National Bus, will become chairman as well from January 1 when Lord Shepherd ends six years in the chair. Mr. Ridley, Transport Secretary, said Mr. Brook would prepare the company for denationalisation.

## NEW PORT MANAGER

By Our Shipping Correspondent

Mr. Stuart Bradley, 48, will be promoted from deputy manager to manager of the port of Hull on July when Mr. George Collington retires after a 48-year career there.

## Demand in Notts to take 5.28pc and end overtime ban

By JAMES O'BRIEN

DEMANDS are growing among Nottinghamshire's 30,500 miners for acceptance of the Coal Board's 5.28 per cent. offer and for an end to the overtime ban.

Petitions have been appearing at pits, particularly in South Nottinghamshire.

But some full-time NUM officials and branch officers say the move goes against the national executive, and puts Nottinghamshire outside union rules.

The pressure on pay and overtime has recently been reinforced by the Board's offer of lump sum payments to miners who have recently returned to work.

Unofficial soundings by colliery managers on the pay offer have been described in the past as "ill-advised moves" by moderate leaders of working miners in Nottinghamshire.

Out of order

The petitions are circulating at numerous pits, including Babbington and Newstead. Mr. Kenneth Duckworth, N.U.M. branch secretary at Babbington, said he would have no connection with the petitions. "Such things as pay and overtime take place within the procedures laid down between the Board and the union. Petitions are out of order."

Members of the National Working Miners' Committee said they were unable to hold back any demands on pay and overtime once they start in significant numbers.

Working miners in other areas are watching the developments in Nottinghamshire with interest, and see any moves there as applying nationally.

Mr. Ian MacGregor, Coal Board chairman, has told Nottinghamshire miners that he would not go outside accepted negotiating procedures to pay the 5.28 per cent, which had not been accepted by the N.U.M.

The North Derbyshire area NCB will pay £380,000 in this week to 3,689 miners who have now worked a week in hand.

Miners starting work this week will receive between £1,500 and £200 gross before Christmas, which includes four weeks' holiday pay, three weeks' incentive bonuses, advance wages for Christmas week, annual holiday pay and their annual service bonuses.

There is a tax-free element on the personal allowances for those who have returned but not worked since the start of the dispute.

26.80 a week

Payment of the 5.28 per cent. would give coal-field miners an extra £6.80 a week, increasing their earnings to £137.10 without overtime and incentive payments. It would add £5 for the lowest underground grade, £5.75 on the highest surface grade and £4.80 on the lowest surface grade, taking gross weekly earnings to £89 without bonuses.

About 40 per cent. of those employed in the pits work overtime, and the ban has resulted in a reduction of 30 per cent. in normal output.

Job discussions

Mirror Group Newspapers print about 1,500,000 copies of the DAILY MIRROR at Thomson House six nights a week and a similar number of the SUNDAY MIRROR on Saturdays.

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# SIX GUILTY OF KRUGERRAND £2m VAT PLOT

By IAN HENRY Old Bailey Correspondent

A WEALTHY self-made businessman, Roy Garner, was convicted at the Old Bailey yesterday of a £2 million VAT evasion plot involving Krugerrands worth £300 each.

GARNER, 48, of Cannon Hill, Southgate, had denied conspiracy to evade the tax on £14 million of Krugerrands.

## SALESMAN FAKED £1m ORDERS

A COMPUTER salesman's bosses were so impressed by the £1 million worth of orders he brought in that they arranged a champagne celebration to toast him. But yesterday Mr Richard O'Rourke, prosecuting, told St Albans Crown Court the orders were faked.

Timothy Wilks, 27, told his bosses at Delta Data Systems that companies such as W. H. Smith and Tottenham Hotspur Football Club wanted to buy their systems. He even presented forged orders to support the sales. By the time the fraud was discovered he had earned himself £8,000 commission.

Now the company, based in Welwyn Garden City, have been left counting the cost. They had to buy more than £200,000 of computer hardware and also sub-contracted £100,000 worth of work to keep up with the orders.

Wilks, of Milton Manor Drive, Little Milton, Essex, pleaded guilty to three forgery charges and asked for six other offences to be considered. He was given a two-year jail sentence, with 18 months suspended.

### Told many lies

Mr O'Rourke said Wilks, who earned £12,000 a year, had joined the firm in February and towards the end of the month had won an order for £150,000. "That was the beginning of what seems to have been a very successful period of obtaining orders. It was followed by some 24 orders in quick succession within the next four weeks," he said.

Mr William Hunter, defending, said that although the loss to the firm was estimated at £300,000, it would "probably eventually be about £100,000."

He added that Wilks had a deep-seated untruthfulness and had told his wife many lies.

## Woman who killed cruel husband freed

A MOTHER of five who shot her cruel and sadistic husband was freed by Mr Justice Russell in Manchester Crown Court yesterday. He said to her: "I think you have suffered enough."

Mrs PAULINE WYATT said as she left the court she was relieved she had been allowed to spend Christmas with her children whose ages range from 11 years and 16 months.

"In 12 years of marriage, I have never had a happy Christmas but we have all been looking forward to this one," she said.

Mrs Wyatt, 29, was put on probation for three years after being convicted of the manslaughter of her husband Charles at their home in Flora Drive, Salford, Manchester. She was found not guilty of murder.

### Strangle threat

She shot him from point-blank range with a shotgun as he slept just a few hours after he threatened to "skin" two of their children, stab two others and strangle the baby.

The husband had made their marriage a "living hell," the court was told. He had thrown knives at her, had thrust a loaded shotgun into her mouth and poured paraffin over her head and threatened to ignite it.

On one occasion he strangled their two parrots and choked their puppy before shooting it with an air rifle, and had shaved her head forcing her to wear a wig. Wyatt had also treated his wife to a dog, making her sit under the table.

## COURT RESERVES PILL JUDGMENT

Three Appeal Court judges yesterday reserved judgment on an attempt to overturn a High Court judge's refusal to ban doctors from putting under-age schoolgirls on the contraceptive pill without their parents' consent.

Mrs Victoria Gillick, 37, a mother of 10, is seeking a declaration that Department of Health and Social Security guidelines, which gave doctors the right to give advice and contraception to under-age girls without their parents' consent, are unlawful. No date has been fixed for the judgment.

### HAMMER BLOW

Mr Martin Lewis, a blacksmith, has been given 90 days to soundproof his forge after neighbours in Stanton St Bernard, Wiltshire, complained to the local council about the noise of his hammer.



Newly-weds Mr David Threlfall, 41, and his wife Susan, 36, who will be spending their honeymoon next week at the Common Cold research centre at Salisbury, Wilts, where they met last year as volunteer "guinea pigs." The couple, who were married at Newbury, Berks, on Wednesday, will have a 10-day, all expenses-paid stay at the centre. Last year they had to keep their distance—at least 30ft apart to prevent cross-infection—but the rule does not apply to married couples.

## Hard-up judge stole cheques

DEPUTY Circuit Judge PETER MORRIS stole from a colleague at his legal practice because he was hard up, magistrates at Hertford were told yesterday, by Mr ROLAND PERRY, defending.

Morris, 46, who used to sit as a judge at Chelmsford Crown Court, paid a cheque sent to a fellow barrister into a secret building society account, using a false name.

He pleaded guilty to three charges of theft, as well as forgery and obtaining money by deception.

### False claims

Morris, described as a specialist in crime, was given a prison sentence of six months, suspended for two years.

The chairman of the magistrates, Mr ROBERT MASON, said to him: "You abused your position as a member of the Bar."

colleague at their chambers in the city.

One, for £246, had been paid into the secret account and £200 of it subsequently withdrawn.

Mr Perry said Morris had resigned from his legal practice and was now unemployed.

Miss CLAIRE REGGIONI, prosecuting, said that when confronted with his crimes, Morris first claimed his son was a drug addict and had stolen the cheques, and then that he had needed the money to pay for an abortion for his own girlfriend.

Both explanations were untrue.

Mr Perry said Morris had financial difficulties. "The tragedy is that if he had swallowed his pride for a moment, there were perhaps 100 people he had known who could have given him or lent him the temporary necessary funds to tide him over."

The court heard that Morris, of Milton Road, Cambridge, stole three cheques sent to a

## 12 PARAS ON RAPE CHARGE

Seven more paratroopers accused of rape appeared before a special court at Salisbury yesterday bringing the total number of men alleged to have been involved in a weekend attack on a 22-year-old WRAC private to 12.

All are members of the 1st Bn, parachute Regt, based at Picton Barracks, Bulford Camp, on Salisbury Plain. They are all charged with raping the girl at their barracks last Saturday night and were remanded in custody until Monday.

## Young robbers sprayed victims with tear gas

A GANG of ruthless young robbers called "The Firm" terrorised shopkeepers and mugged members of the public, sometimes spraying their victims with tear gas.

In four months the gang, aged between 16 and 22, stole £16,000 in cash and property.

Stores, like D. H. Evans, Woolworths, W. H. Smith, Boots and Tesco, were raided, often "mob-handed," by as many as 50 youths.

Small corner shops, usually run by Asians, were picked on, said Mr MICHAEL STUART-MOORE, prosecuting at Wood Green Crown Court.

Most of the gang were black, but at least two, one a leading member, were white.

Mr Stuart-Moore said the gang members bought their tear gas or CS gas canisters, for between £5 and £15, from people attending Arsenal Football Club's Highbury stadium.

"These canisters are sold on the Continent as a weapon of self-defence. They are obviously as good when used as weapons of offence," he said.

### Admitted robbery

Eight "hard core" members of the gang admitted numerous offences of robbery, burglary, theft and assault. They are:

Tony O'Keefe, 21, of Chettle Court, Ridge Road, and Alan Watson, of Hornsey Park Road, both of Hornsey; and MICHAEL LAPIERRE, 16, of The Crossways, Ferns, Basingstoke, Hants.

RONNIE GRADWIN, 18, of Maryland Road, ALAN JOHN, 17, of Gladstone Avenue, BASIL ALLEYNE, 17, Crossford Gardens, and Tony SCARBOROUGH, 18, of Lordship Lane, all Wood Green.

O'Keefe was jailed for five years. Baker and Alleyne received four years youth custody each; John and Alleyne three years youth custody each. Scarborough was sentenced to two years youth custody and Watson to two years.

Lapierre was sentenced to detention for a maximum period of four years. He was described by Judge Neil Burren, Q.C., as a "danger and serious risk" to the public.

The judge said: "This is no ordinary case. With one exception you are all guilty of taking part in vicious and cowardly attacks on innocent people."

One thing that comes out clearest of all is your complete indifference and lack of regard for your victims."

## COSY CHATS 'DO NOT STOP LOUITS'

NASTY and loutish behaviour by people who drank too much would not be stopped "by cosy chats with probation officers and digging gardens for old ladies," senior Appeal Court Judge Lord Justice Lawton said yesterday.

The judge, who sat with Mr Justice Canley and Sir John Thompson, was commenting before the court upheld suspended jail sentences totalling 12 months on an unemployed man, aged 25.

John Walmsley, of Chelwood Close, Brighton, sentenced at Lewes Crown Court on Dec. 12 last year for robbery and burglary, had his appeal dismissed.

The judge said the burglary involved a shop window being broken with an elbow, and the robbery of shop manager being intimidated into handing over ice cream.

It was loutish behaviour of a type all too common and which should be discouraged, the appeal judge said.

## POLY ORDERED TO NAME STUDENTS

Mr Justice Leonard in the High Court yesterday ordered North London Polytechnic to disclose the names and addresses of students who tried to bar Mr Patrick Harrington, a National Front official, from his philosophy lectures last week.

He also ruled that the Polytechnic authorities must identify student lawbreakers on written request from Mr Harrington's solicitors.

Mr Harrington is raising contempt proceedings against activists breaking High Court injunction outlawing any attempt to stop him attending lectures.

### MATTER OF TASTE

A Michigan public library has decided to ban readers with "poor personal hygiene" in a ruling civil rights groups say is aimed at barring vagrants.

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# RUSSIA SHELVES KEY POINTS FOR WEAPON TALKS

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

THE Russians appear to have temporarily shelved two key preconditions to enable a proposed January meeting between the nations' foreign ministers.

But diplomats in Moscow said last night there was nothing to stop Russia re-imposing hard-line conditions at a later stage.

The preconditions are that new American missiles be removed from Europe before talks limiting medium-range weapons continue and that Washington accepts an anti-satellite weapons test moratorium before talks on demilitarisation of space.

An agreed statement made in Moscow and Washington yesterday spoke of "new talks with the aim of achieving mutually acceptable agreements on the entire complex of questions concerning nuclear arms and space weapons."

Mr Gromyko and Mr Shultz, the ministers involved, would meet in Geneva on Jan. 7-8 to work out a joint understanding of the subject and aims of such talks.

Cruise and Pershing There was no mention of Cruise and Pershing missiles being withdrawn from Western Europe or of any halt to testing space weapons. Diplomats said it was not immediately clear whether the Americans had made any equivalent concessions to get talks going.

Meanwhile Mr Kinnock, the Labour leader, who saw Mr George Arbatov, the Kremlin's top adviser on American affairs, in Moscow yesterday, said he would be seeking further clarification when he meets President Chernomir and Mr Gromyko on Monday.

Mr Kinnock said the question of "precisely what, if any, conditions the Russians might still involve in arms control bargaining would have to be closely studied."

Mr Vladimir Lomeiko, spokesman for the Soviet Foreign Ministry, formally read out the Soviet-American announcement to Western and Russian newsmen summoned to the Ministry last night.

He stressed that the proposed talks were new and not a resumption of the earlier Geneva arms talks broken off by Moscow after cruise and Pershing deployment began in Western Europe a year ago.

If it were suggested that the old talks should continue, the spokesman said, it would be necessary for the American missiles to be withdrawn as a precondition. But in January anything could be discussed. It would be up to Mr Shultz.

IN an apparent attempt to limit damage, the officially-controlled Polish Press reacted soberly yesterday to the abrupt cancellation by Herr Genscher, West German Foreign Minister, of his ice-breaking trip to Warsaw.

Newspapers restricted themselves to reports on the Polish Foreign Ministry's statement on the cancellation and a commentary by the official news agency, PAP.

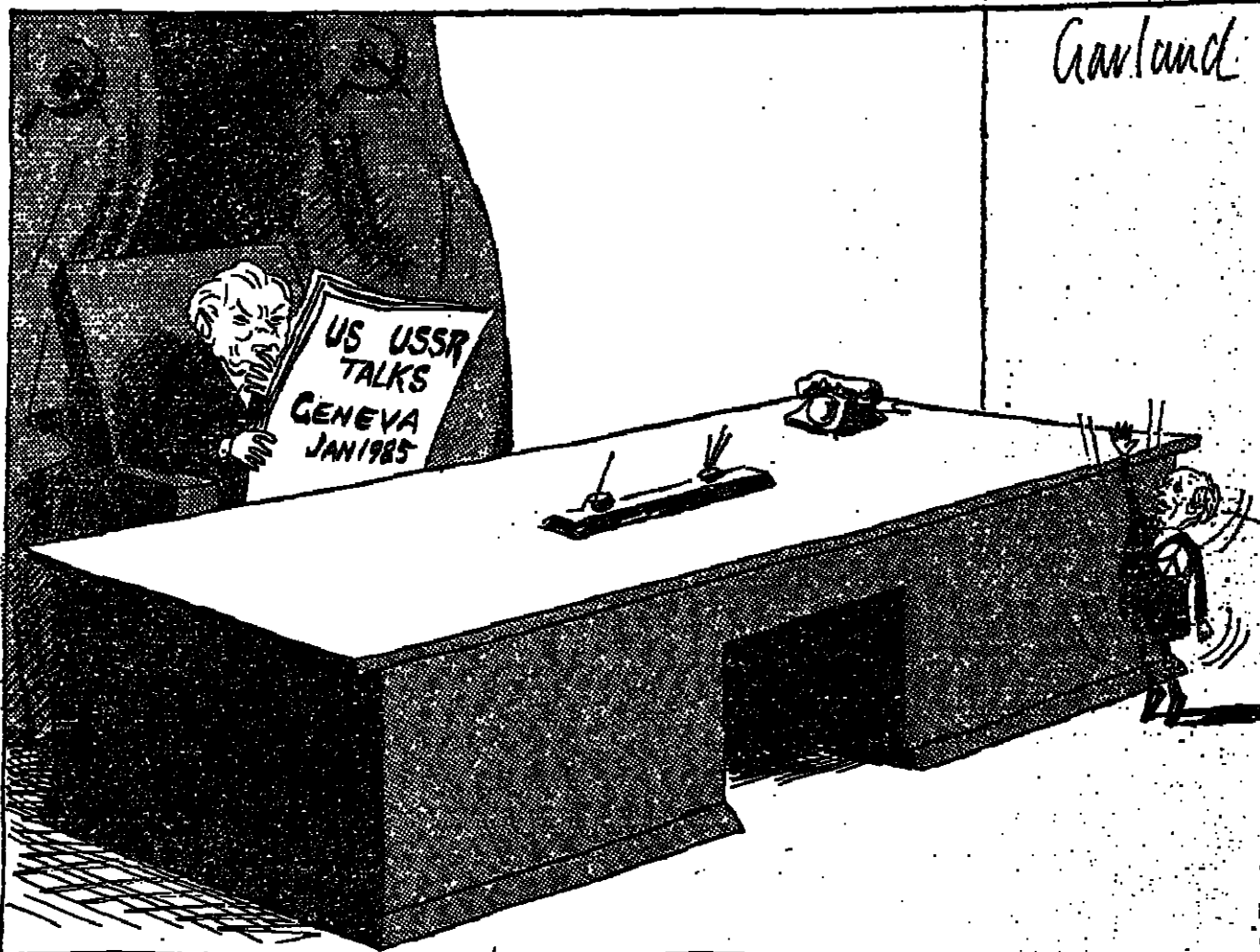
The Warsaw ministry had expressed disappointment at the sudden and hardly convincing decision to postpone the visit but added the hope that "the way towards an improvement in relations between Poland and West Germany remained open."

PAP said the postponement had slowed Warsaw's post-mist law rapprochement with the West but would not stop it.

"Whether anybody wants it or not, Poland is returning to the group of European states which actively participate in the international dialogue, including that with West Germany," said the agency.

Tourists jump ship Meanwhile, 17 more Polish tourists were reported yesterday by West German frontier police to have jumped ship from the ferry Rogalin after it docked in the Baltic port of Lillbeck-Travemünde on the way back from Copenhagen.

This brings to 301 the number of Poles who have jumped the Rogalin and cruise liner Stefan during its stopovers in West Germany in the past week.



## OPTIMISM AT NATO TALKS

By JOAN CLEMENTS in The Hague

THERE was some optimism last night in The Hague, where Nato Defence Ministers met for the first time within the framework of the Independent European Programme Group.

It was felt there would be agreement on a political directive and co-operation programme at the close of the talks today.

The 12 Nato Defence Ministers, including Mr Heseltine, are meeting to discuss ways to achieve effective co-operation in arms production.

The Ministers will also discuss specific joint production projects, including military transport planes and a new heavy-duty tank. A new helicopter is likely to be included on the agenda for future consideration.

Increasing willingness But sources say that the Ministers will have travelled a long way if a firm directive in the form of a strong political statement is announced today.

The Independent European Programme Group, established in 1976, consists of all European member states of Nato (including France) with the exception of Ireland. The chairman, which rotates every other year, is at present held by the Netherlands.

A Nato official said yesterday that there was an increasing willingness to co-operate as "all countries begin to realise the high cost of producing new weapons."

In a paper submitted to a meeting of the Euro group's Defence Ministers, of which he is chairman, Mr Heseltine said a particular effort should be made to bring together existing differences in procurement timetables.

'HITLER DIARIES' MAN RE-ARRESTED By Our Bonn Correspondent

Konrad Kujaw, 46, the self-confessed forger of the bogus "Hitler Diaries" was re-arrested in Hamburg yesterday after a ruling last week that he should be released from custody was overturned.

Kujaw was first arrested in May 1983 and charged with fraud, together with Gerd Heidemann, 54, the former Stax reporter who acquired the diaries for the magazine for £2.5 million.

## Irish seek more EEC grain for Ethiopia

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN in Addis Ababa

A BIG increase in emergency food aid from Europe's grain stocks for Ethiopia's six million famine victims, was urged in Addis Ababa yesterday by Mr Jim O'Keefe, the Irish Republic's Foreign Affairs Minister.

The minister, who has been visiting some famine areas and meeting aid workers and officials, said he would be making this plea as Ireland's representative at the EEC Council of Foreign Ministers meeting in Brussels next Monday.

Mr O'Keefe said Ethiopia would need a minimum of one million tons of food aid in the next 12 months and the international community must come up with aid to a much greater extent than in the past.

"The problem here is of appalling dimensions. Anyone who sees it will fully understand the nature of the catastrophe," he said.

The United States had pledged a minimum of 215,000 tons of food aid to Ethiopia in 1983 which would certainly be increased and the EEC should match this. The Community had given 117,000 tons in 1984 and some additional commitments which had not been finalised.

Needs 'so great' "I accept that the European Community and member states have contributed very substantially but the needs are so great it is my firm belief that an even greater element of support is necessary from the Community," he said.

On visits to famine areas Mr O'Keefe saw the big camp at Makalle to which the R.A.F. is airlifting food, and a relief centre run by the Irish Concern Agency at Harbo, near Kombocha.

"Actually seeing the situation on the ground has left an indelible impact on me. They were obviously making efforts to cope efficiently but the situation was appalling," he said.

Mr O'Keefe, who returns to Dublin today, said his immediate concern was the critically low level of emergency food stocks at the Red Sea port of Assab which provide the grain for the airlift to famine victims in the North.

Mr O'Keefe said he would be making a report and analysis of the situation to the EEC foreign ministers and would be asking for a greatly increased amount of food aid to be sent from EEC grain surpluses.

## ZIMBABWE ABDUCTORS TO DIE

By Our Harare Correspondent

TWO dissidents who took part in 1982 in the abduction of six tourists were sentenced to death yesterday in Zimbabwe's High Court.

Mr Justice Wilson Sandura found them guilty of an "act of terrorism" as defined under the Law and Order Maintenance Act, which carries the death penalty.

Gilbert Ngwenya, 42, and Austin Mputa, 25, refused to enter a plea, and they shouted support for the minority Zanu (Zimbabwe African Peoples Union) party of Mr Joshua Nkomo.

Ngwenya said he commanded the group that seized the two Britons, two Americans and two Australians near Bulawayo. He claimed they were still alive and had been handed over to "some Soviet people, in Zambia."

'Not told the truth' The judge said the accused had not told the truth about the tourists. They had not been heard from since they were seized.

Mputa has now been sentenced to death twice. Last week he was convicted of murdering five white civilians and a black policeman.

The six tourists are James Greenwell, 20, from North Wales; Marya Hodgson, 37, from Peterborough; two Americans, Brett Baldwin and Kevin Ellis, both 25; and two Australians, Tony Barzely, 27, and William Butler, 33.

MURDOCH'S £280m FOR MAGAZINES By Our New York Staff

Mr Rupert Murdoch has paid £280 million to add 12 highly profitable travel and aviation magazines to his American publishing empire.

The magazines from the Ziff Davis Group comprise Travel, Wicket, which is distributed to travel agents, three aviation newsletters and eight specialist travel publications.

CRASH KILLS 25

Twenty-five people were killed and 47 injured when an overcrowded commuter train derailed yesterday while changing tracks five miles from Bombay.—A.P.

## £20m airline order may go to US. after EEC bans British

By ALAN OSBORN in Brussels

BRITAIN'S fight to retain a £20 million contract to provide aircraft for a Caribbean airline appeared to have failed yesterday after the EEC confirmed that the airline must buy French.

Leeward Islands Air Transport is now expected to seek a deal with the United States or Canada.

The Brussels Commission, which is providing development aid to the airline, feels it has a say in the company's purchasing plans.

It announced yesterday that it is standing by its decision to recommend that French planes replace the ageing British fleet.

Leeward, owned by a consortium of Caribbean Governments, had applied for finance from the EEC's Development Fund to buy four new aircraft for a island-hopping service.

The company chose the British Aerospace Super-748 plane, but the Fund said the French-built ATR-42 offered better prospects of profit.

Bank approval Leeward said it did not need the more advanced and still largely experimental French plane, and the Commission agreed to rethink its decision.

Leeward's choice of the Super-748 had been endorsed by the Caribbean Development Bank, involved in the deal, and also by Aer Lingus, an impartial arbitrator.

The airline's managing director, Capt. Arthur Foster, said yesterday: "We cannot take the risk of ordering a new technology aircraft like the ATR-42 until it has a track record. We know the 748 because we operate them already."

British officials fear that if the business goes to France, the way will be opened for increased penetration by France in a market dominated by Britain.

Mr Richard Cottrell, Conservative Euro-M.P. for London, said yesterday: "This decision is absolutely outrageous. The Commission is guilty of a major political mistake."

Mr Peter Price, Conservative Euro-M.P. for London, said he would call for a full inquiry into how the Commission awarded contracts.

CIA SEEKS AID TO GAIN T.V. 'FAIRNESS'

By Our Washington Staff The CIA has asked the Federal Communications Commission to look into what it calls a "deliberately distorted" report by ABC television that the agency had conspired to kill an American citizen.

The CIA says the network had violated the fairness doctrine. It claims it was falsely accused of conspiring to kill Ronald Reagan, a man accused of fraud in a Honolulu case.

ABC News broadcast a partial response on Wednesday night, saying it accepted the CIA denial of the assassination charge. But the agency is not satisfied and says the network refused to address other offending aspects of its September report.

POLITICIAN KILLED The beheaded and mutilated body of Mahbub Alam, 43, a senior vice-chairman of the Bangladesh People's League, was found in a container at the central radio station of Kamalapur in Dhaka police said yesterday. Newspapers said he had enemies among people to whom he was reported to have advanced money.—A.P.

RAPIST EXECUTED After helping to jail criminals in China's Kwangsi province, a chief procurator's clerk visited their wives and raped them, the New China News Agency said yesterday. Wang Baoling, 36, was executed on Tuesday for assaulting six women.

PEKING TO LET RACING GO ON IN HONGKONG

By Our Peking Correspondent Peking has promised the Royal Hongkong Jockey Club that horse racing can continue in the colony after the 1997 take-over, even though gambling is illegal in China, it was reported in the South China Morning Post.

About 470 races are held at the Shatin racecourse during its 65 meetings each year, with prize money among the highest in the world. The club estimates that gamblers invest about \$5 million on each race.

Gen. Sir John Archer, the club's chief executive, said he had received an assurance about the future from Mr Xu Jiatun, who as director of the New China News Agency in Hongkong is de facto Chinese Consul-General in the colony.

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# HUSSEIN WALKS TIGHTROPE AS PLO MEDIATOR

By JOHN BULLOCH in Amman

KING HUSSEIN of Jordan yesterday offered the total support of his kingdom to the men his Army once tried to destroy.

The King, speaking in a hall so well guarded that many correspondents reporting the meeting of the Palestine National Council were denied admission, called for an international conference on the Middle-

East at which the Palestine Liberation Organisation would play a full role.

## CHAD FIASCO HUMILIATES FRANCE

By MICHAEL FIELD  
in Paris

FRANCE, still without confirmation that the Libyans are keeping their word and withdrawing from Chad, seems caught between the alternatives of humiliation or war.

Chad Government forces are continuing their build-up in the North, including elements of President Habre's crack Presidential Guard.

The Cabinet met in N'djamena yesterday morning to review the situation after President Habre's long talks with M. Charles Hernu and Gen. I. Acaze, respectively French Defence Minister and Chief of Staff.

Informed sources in Paris said the suspense was likely to continue at least until the weekend and that President Mitterrand, paying an official visit to Syria next week, might even defer his decision on the next move in his duel with Col Gaddafi until his return next Wednesday.

### Defence denial

The Quai d'Orsay has dismissed as "inexact" a statement on Wednesday by the Greek official spokesman in Athens that a new Franco-Libyan Commission had been set up to monitor troop withdrawals in Chad.

Simultaneously the Defence Ministry in Paris put out a similar statement "formally denying" the presence of French military observers on the ground in Chad.

Mr Dimitrios Maroudas, the Greek spokesman, had said the Franco-Libyan Commission had been agreed by President Mitterrand and Col Gaddafi at their Crete "summit" a week ago.

Mr Jean Lecanuet, President of the Giscardian Opposition Union for French Democracy, who is also chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, called the situation "a diplomatic fiasco" for France.

### 'Pulling out'

The Chad affair has revived a prediction, first disclosed a fortnight ago by a French weekly magazine, that M. Claude Cheysson, Foreign Minister, would shortly be leaving his post and would be replaced by M. Roland Dumas, 62, currently Minister for European Affairs and Government spokesman.

M. Dumas is a close friend and long-time political associate of President Mitterrand, who is believed to have arranged for M. Cheysson to return to Brussels as an EEC Commissioner.

Paris might just have got away with the claim that Libyan troops had basically withdrawn, had it not been for American satellite reconnaissance.

This has irritated the French who are convinced that while Washington urges its allies to boycott Libya, it is itself conducting lucrative trade with the pariah country.

In Athens yesterday, Libya's Foreign Minister, Tereh, said Libyan forces were now pulling out of Chad, following a delay.

### Objective observer

PAUL ANAST in Athens writes: Mr Carolos Papoulas, Greek Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, left for Libya yesterday to act as "objective observer" for the recent agreement between France and Libya to withdraw any remaining military forces from Chad.

The conference should be United Nations-sponsored and should include permanent members of the Security Council as well as all parties to the conflict, he said.

Palestinians should be on an equal footing with all other delegations as they were the party empowered to address the most important and momentous aspect of the crisis.

This was a reference to the decision by the Arab League of State in Rabat to give the PLO "the sole right to negotiate on behalf of the Palestinian people."

In the past it had been suggested that Palestinians should be members of a Jordanian delegation to any conference.

### End stalemate

The King emphasised that the question of negotiations was for the Palestine National Council to decide. "If you think you can go it alone, then we say, 'Good speed, you have our support'."

At the same time, his careful speech was a clear call for a joint Palestinian-Jordanian move to break the Middle East stalemate.

The King's calculation was that an initiative led by himself and the relatively moderate section of the PLO loyal to its chairman, Yasser Arafat, would gain American support and force Israel into talks.

The United Nations Resolution 242, which called for Israeli withdrawal in return for peace and recognition, should be the basis of all negotiations, he said.

King Hussein has previously called for an international conference but by subtly changing his proposal last night he got away from the position in which such a meeting would have to be a continuation of the Geneva conference which followed the 1975 War.

The King widened his proposals so that the United Nations Secretary-General might be the one to convene the meeting. He also brought in other powers as permanent members of the Security Council.

By calling for a full Palestinian delegation King Hussein played to his audience at the Palestine National Council meeting, and by sticking closely to the Rabat decision he appeased his moderate Arab neighbours.

"It was a masterly display of diplomatic tightrope walking," remarked one of the ambassadors who heard it.

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## COURT ANNULS JOURNALIST'S SENTENCE

Greek's Supreme Court has annulled a one-year libel sentence imposed on a journalist for claiming in a book that the country's top-selling newspaper was published in co-operation with the disinformation department of the KGB, the Soviet intelligence service.

A court spokesman said the Supreme Court decided that an Appeal Court ruling in May had contravened Greek legal regulations by failing to explain why the sentence was suspended, as the appeal court prosecutor suggested. No date was set for the new appeal hearing.

The decision came after a 17-month legal tussle between Paul Anast, who writes for the DAILY TELEGRAPH and THE NEW YORK TIMES, and the publisher and the editor of ETHNOS, George Bobolias and Alexander Filippopoulos.—A.P.



Dr Mario Soares, Portuguese Prime Minister, at the Tower of London yesterday on the last day of a three-day visit to Britain. He spent an hour in "very friendly discussion" with Mrs Thatcher on Wednesday, talking about the problems affecting Portugal's entry to the EEC, which is set for Jan. 1, 1986. Portugal is often described as Britain's oldest ally—the two countries are linked by a 600-year-old treaty.

# Sri Lanka under curfew to prevent ethnic violence

By FILMA WIMALADASA in Colombo

A PRE-EMPTIVE island-wide curfew was imposed in Sri Lanka from 6 a.m. yesterday to 6 a.m. today to prevent any repetition of ethnic violence of the kind that occurred in July, 1983.

The funerals of most of the 29 people killed in a police-station explosion at Chavakacheri were due to be held yesterday.

Last year ethnic violence broke out when the bodies of 14 soldiers killed in a terrorist ambush by Tamil separatists were brought to Colombo.

The present curfew follows sporadic isolated incidents late on Wednesday. Two Tamil shops in Thiruviriyava, four miles south of Colombo, were burned, but there was no loss of life, the Government says.

Mr Talith Athulathmudali, Minister of National Security, said that the Government decided to impose the curfew as a precautionary measure after finding that anti-social elements were trying to provoke people by spreading rumours.

He asked the public not to believe rumours, and said stern action would be taken against rumour mongers.

Last year the Government was accused of not making a firm effort to nip the situation

in the bud, and soldiers and police were said to have turned a blind eye when mobs went on the rampage, killing Tamils and setting fire to cars, homes and business places.

Rumour was rife then, and it fanned the flames. When the Government decided to take firm action about 500 Tamils had lost their lives and hundreds of Tamil establishments had been destroyed.

This time the Government decided to take no chances, and at the first sign of an anti-Tamil backlash declared a 24-hour curfew.

The Government also denied as baseless rumours of further violence in the Palali and Elephant Pass Army camps in the Jaffna peninsula.

The leader of the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF), Mr Amirthalingam, said of the attack on the Chavakacheri police station: "We have always been opposed to violence. It is counter-productive to our cause."

While the TULF is trying to negotiate on the issue of autonomy for the predominantly Tamil north of the island in the form of a regional council, many young Tamils tend to see this as useless because the Government will not give way.

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## Tube Train Doors For Buildings?

Many householders think that when they see sliding patio doors they are going to get both leaves sliding—like the London Underground—it was claimed today.

An investigation undertaken by the leading door and window manufacturers Crittall Warmlife Ltd. found that most purchasers were surprised that only half the glass area could be opened. "The only way that is possible" said Mike Groves, Crittall Warmlife Director of Installations "is if the sliding leaves disappeared into the brickwork." But the Company claims to have the answer to this problem with their three ranges of hinged patio doors that are making a big impact on the market.

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## BASQUES CLASH WITH POLICE IN MURDER PROTEST STRIKE

By TIM BROWN in Madrid

**B**ASQUE rioters hurling rocks and petrol bombs fought with police yesterday during a one-day general strike coinciding with the funeral of the murdered separatist leader Dr Santi Brouard.

Dozens of arrests were reported in the three Basque provinces, all but paralysed by the strike which closed factories, stores and schools and halted public transport.

Practically all Basque political parties and unions supported the strike, called after Tuesday's murder of Dr Brouard, 64, a pediatrician and leader of the separatist party Herri Batasuna. Yesterday in Madrid doctors were treating complications after emergency surgery on Gen. Luis Roson, critically wounded by separatist ETA gunmen in a revenge shooting. The recently retired General, 66, was hit four times when his car was ambushed in rush-hour traffic on a main Madrid street on Wednesday.

### Bar bombed

Riot police reinforced by mobile units sent into the Basque country from elsewhere in Spain clashed with Left-wing separatist students and workers yesterday in incidents that included the burning of a Spanish flag, destruction of buses, scores of street barricades and at least

one attack on a Socialist party headquarters.

Police, who made dozens of arrests, fired rubber bullets and smoke grenades during confrontations in and around the major cities of Bilbao, San Sebastian and Vitoria, capital of the Basque country.

Herri Batasuna, the coalition of extreme Left-wing separatist parties of which Dr Brouard was a prominent national council member, set the ugly mood by bluntly telling the Socialist, Communist and Conservative parties to stay away from the funeral even though they had supported the general strike.

ETA terrorists in Bilbao bombed and destroyed a bar while at nearby Algort a mob set fire during the night to four

The Spanish flag flying at half-mast in honour of the doctor was ripped from the flag pole outside the town hall at Portugalete and burnt by demonstrators chanting pro-ETA slogans.

Another mob attacked the Socialist party headquarters in the Bilbao suburb of Erandio, smashing windows and wrecking blinds before being repulsed. Barricades were built across most main roads in the region.

A spokesman for Herri Batasuna said yesterday that a message of solidarity had been received from Sina Fein, the IRA political organisation, but could not say whether it had sent any representatives to the funeral.

No creditable claim had been made by late yesterday for the killing of Dr Brouard, a child specialist gunned down in his surgery in Bilbao.

But the Right-wing mercenary terror organisation G.A.I., the anti-terrorist Liberation Group, remains the chief suspect after a year of murdering ETA activists across the frontier in France.

Herri Batasuna is considered the political arm of the guerrilla group ETA (Basque Homeland and Liberty), which has been responsible for most of the more than 400 deaths in separatist violence since 1968.

Socialist Government officials said the assassination of Dr Brouard appeared to be an attempt to block peace moves in the region.

Herri Batasuna said in a statement yesterday: "The ideal for which Santi has given everything, including his life, continues alive in the people and they will not surrender."

### LIFE FOR GUNMEN

Two Arab gunmen were sentenced to life imprisonment in Lod yesterday for killing one person and wounding 38 others during an attack on a busy Jerusalem street.—Reuter.

## Gas blast toll expected to total 600

By MARK FAZLOLLAH in Mexico City

**T**ROOPS were posted yesterday to prevent looting in the Mexico City industrial suburb where hundreds of people were killed by a gas-plant explosion on Monday.

The bodies of several hundred victims were taken to a civic centre near the suburb of San Juan Ihuatpec, where a series of explosions set fire to a residential area outside the gas-processing plant of the state oil monopoly.

At least 530 bodies had been recovered yesterday, and the Mexican Red Cross said the death toll would undoubtedly reach 600. Many corpses had still to be recovered.

Some 300 bodies have been identified, but others were buried beyond recognition by the intense heat of millions of gallons of liquid gas on fire.

The Government's oil company, Petroleos Mexicanos, denied responsibility for the disaster. It stated that the fire started in a gas-delivery lorry outside the plant and spread to the industrial complex.

### BELIZE ELECTIONS

Mr George Price, Prime Minister of the former British colony of Belize has announced he will dissolve Parliament and hold the first elections since the Caribbean State's independence in 1981. Polling will be on Dec. 14.

## Hawke in fight to win anti-nuclear party voters

By DENIS WARNER in Melbourne

**T**HE Australian election has been dominated in the past two days by the Hawke government's determined efforts to woo back voters from the single-issue Nuclear Disarmament party.

The party, led by a rock singer, has become more than a nuisance in Senate contests in at least two States.

It wants to ban the mining and export of uranium, and all nuclear ship visits, to remove American installations from Australia and to end the United States alliance.

Its support in New South Wales seems likely to win it a Senate seat and it also has prospects in Victoria.

More importantly, it threatens the unity of the Labour party itself. Although its supporters cross all party lines it has a strong attraction for Labour Left-wingers.

In Brisbane yesterday Mr Hawke, the Prime Minister, said he was prepared to act as a go-between between America and Russia on nuclear arms talks. He was ready to go on from his planned visit to Washington early next year to Moscow.

### 'Panic stricken'

Australia voted on Wednesday in the General Assembly in favour of a motion calling on the superpowers to impose an immediate freeze on nuclear weapons. This was the first time it had voted against the United States on the issue.

Mr Michael McKellar, Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, described the vote as "panic stricken." He said it could encourage Russia to resist arms reductions proposals to something less than a nuclear freeze.

He accuses Mr Hayden, the Foreign Minister, of having deliberately misled the House of Representatives in his assertion that Australia would play a mediating role in superpower disarmament talks. That impression had been corrected by the United States.

Speaking at the National Press Club in Canberra, Mr Peacock, the leader of the Opposition, predicted that the Nuclear Disarmament party would cause a split in the Labour group similar to that of 1955 which helped keep Labour out of office for 17 years.

### FEARS PERSIST ABOUT MARCOS

By Our Staff Correspondent in Manila

In an attempt to allay public concern that President Marcos of the Philippines, 67, was seriously ill officials showed film clips yesterday of him having a medical check-up.

But rumours persisted that Government claims that President Marcos was suffering from influenza amounted to deception; and Cardinal Jaime Sin, leader of the Roman Catholic Church in the Philippines, told a meeting of advertising executives that he, for one, remained unconvinced by official denials of rumours.

## PAY GUIDE PROBLEM FOR LANGE

By JOHN ANDREWS in Auckland

**N**EW ZEALAND'S Labour Government and the trade unions have fallen out over wage guidelines. Union groups want a 11.2 per cent. figure against the Government's 4.5. The Government fears an increase of double figure proportions will wreck economic recovery plans.

After guideline talks broke down yesterday, Mr Lange, the Prime Minister, spoke of the possibility of re-introducing controls. There is speculation that the Government will force a general wage order.

Mr Lange said the 11.2 figure was irresponsible. The Cabinet would decide soon on what future steps were necessary.

Mr Jim Knox, head of the Federation of Labour, said workers had suffered extreme hardship following a wage freeze imposed two years ago and since the July devaluation. Union leaders meet today to discuss their next move.

### Muldoon in contest

Meanwhile Sir Robert Muldoon, the former Prime Minister, has decided to defy critics and contest the National party's leadership race next month.

Sir Robert, whose party was swept from office in Labour's July landslide, conceded yesterday that he did not yet have enough votes to retain his job as Opposition leader.

He will join four other former Cabinet ministers in vying for the top post when the party's caucus meets on Dec. 21.

The other contenders are Mr Jim McLay, former Deputy Prime Minister and now Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Mr Bill Birch, former Minister of Energy, Mr George Gair, former Minister of Transport, and Mr Jim Bolger, former Minister of Labour.

Since the National government's trouncing there have been widespread calls from within the party for Sir Robert to step down. And he told colleagues in July that he was "unlikely to be a candidate."

Yesterday he claimed that none of the other leadership candidates had proved himself capable of putting Labour out of office.

### DODGERS ROUND-UP

Indian Railways caught 105,927 travellers riding trains without valid tickets and 4,449 of them were jailed in a two-week drive against fare dodgers last month, the Indian Government announced yesterday.—Reuter.



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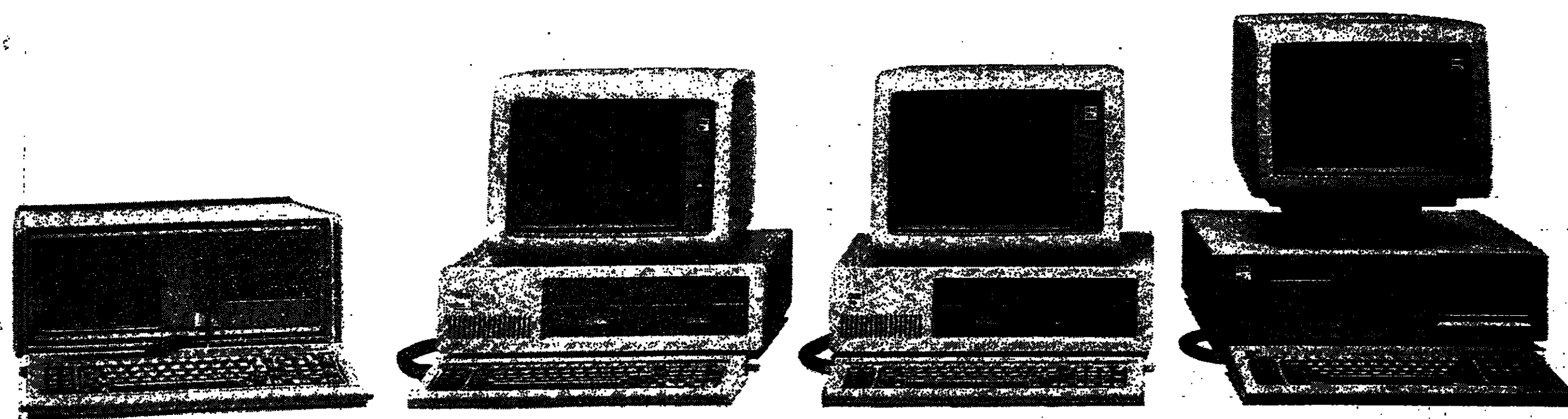
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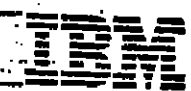
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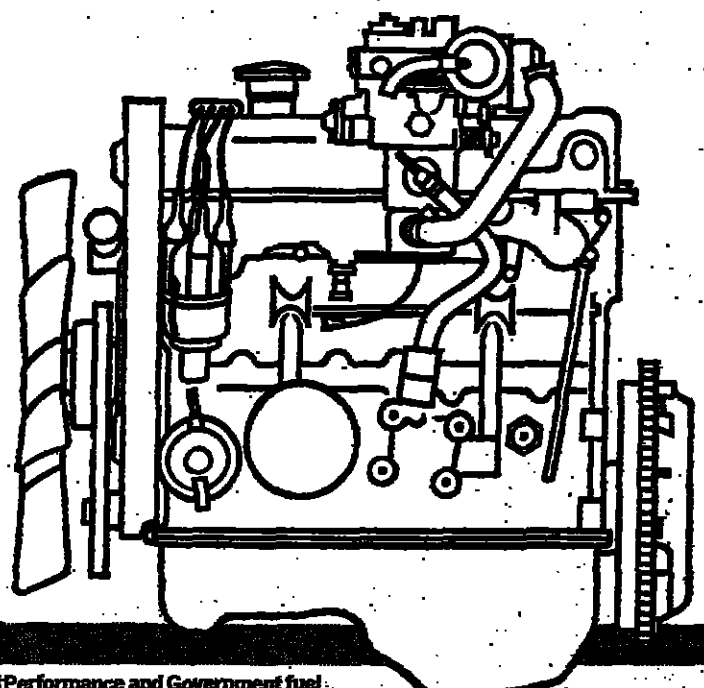
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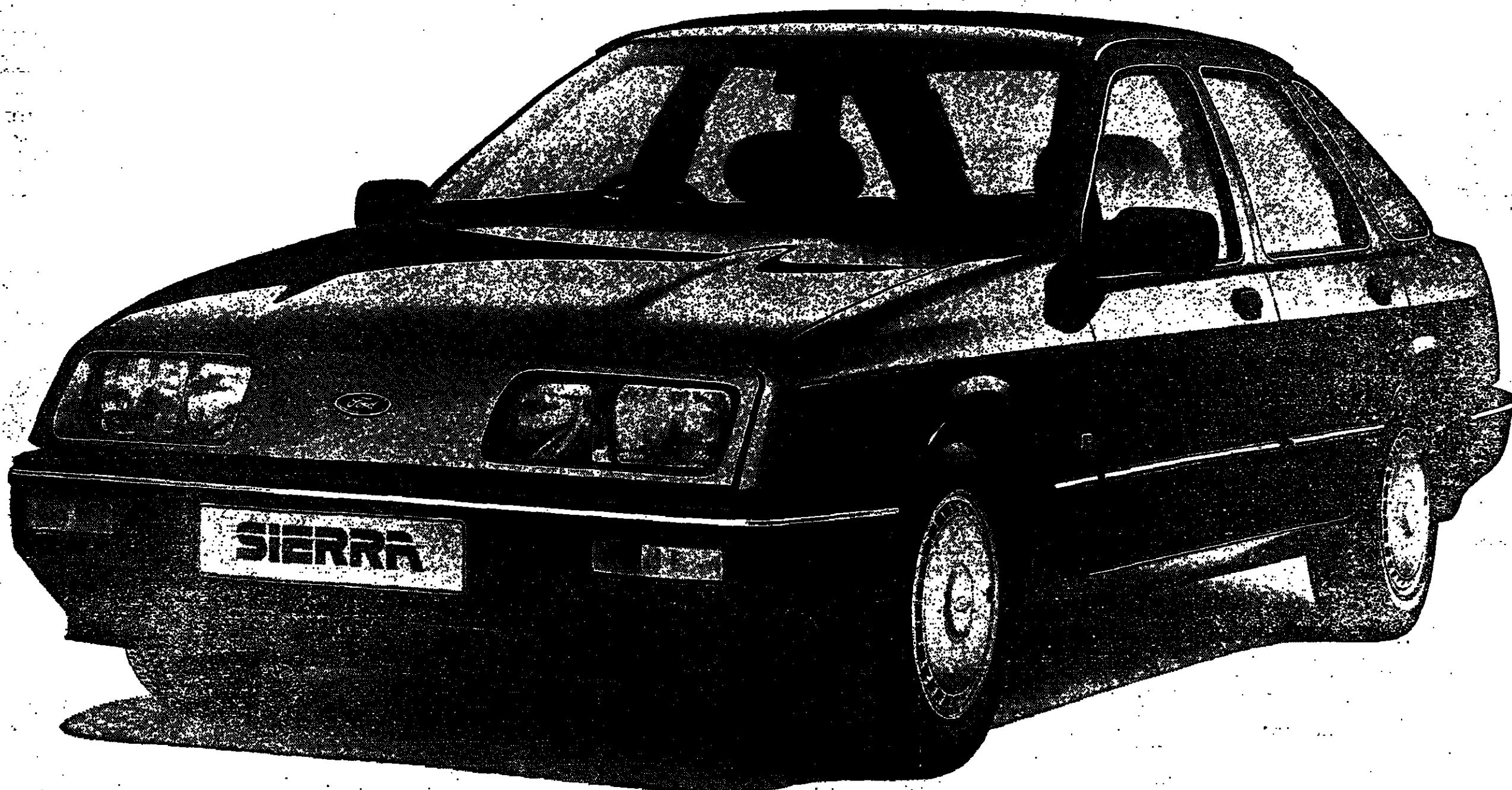
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## LONDON-DUBLIN RELATIONS 'FACE BREAKDOWN'

**By Our Dublin Correspondent**  
**F**EARS of a complete breakdown in Anglo-Irish relations were expressed yesterday by Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Spring, following sharp differences of opinion between Mrs Thatcher and Dr Garrett Fitzgerald.

Mr Spring's warning came as the rift between Dublin and London worsened and Dr Fitzgerald faced calls in Parliament for his resignation.

Dublin ministers have admitted since returning from the Chequers summit that there is a serious deadlock between the two countries over future developments in Northern Ireland.

Dr Fitzgerald's position has been seriously undermined since Mrs Thatcher dismissed the solution put forward in the new Ireland Forum report and the Northern Ireland Secretary of State, Mr Douglas Hurd subsequently ruled that Dublin could have no executive role in Ulster.

### Discuss options

Both Mr Spring and Mr Peter Barry, foreign minister, claimed yesterday that the IRA would be the only beneficiary from Britain's hardline position on Northern Ireland.

Mr Spring said he was not aware at this stage if Britain was willing to discuss options other than the three put forward by the New Ireland Forum — a united Ireland, confeder-

ation and joint sovereignty over Ulster by Dublin and London.

Despite the disagreements at the Chequers meeting, Mr Spring said the Irish government was determined to keep dialogue open with London. It was their duty to try to retrieve the situation and make progress.

Dr Fitzgerald has been on the defensive since returning from the London summit.

He told a private meeting of his parliamentary party that Mrs Thatcher was gratuitously offensive at her post-summit press conference on Monday while Mr Barry said that Mrs Thatcher and Mr Hurd had acted disgracefully.

The unease over Dr Fitzgerald's handling of the summit talks spilled over into the Dublin parliament yesterday when Mr Charles Haughey, opposition leader, launched a bitter attack on him, called repeatedly for his resignation and told him he was not fit to continue as prime minister.

Dr Fitzgerald's advisers are believed to have recommended

that after being put on the defensive in the post-summit press conference he would have no option but to make a stronger line on Ulster the next time he has talks with Mrs Thatcher.

Dublin officials were doubtful yesterday that he would have his customary side meeting with Mrs Thatcher when the EEC heads of government meet in Dublin on December 5 and 6 if the British side does not make some effort in the meantime to patch up the differences.



Champion children of 1984—Bradley Rudgley, 12, who rescued his family from a blazing car, enjoying delightful company at the Savoy Hotel yesterday when he was presented with a bravery award in a contest for children aged between eight and 16. In aid of Dr Barnardo's. With Bradley, who lives at Bishop's Stortford, Herts, are Joanne Urch (left), 23, of Paignton, Devon, who won the dance section, and Emma Briggs, 15, of Harlebury, Worcs, art winner.

## Row ends Speaker's 'honeymoon period'

**By NICHOLAS COMPTON Political Staff**

**T**HE unruly and vehement scenes in the Commons on Wednesday night when Left-wing Labour MPs prevented Mr Fowler, Social Services Secretary, from making a statement on payments to the families of striking miners came at a time when, in the view of most MPs, the behaviour of the House was improving.

Senior figures on both sides felt that all but the wildest elements had finally taken on board the strong public distaste for "zoo-like" behaviour and exchanges which the radio broadcasting of its proceedings had brought.

And while Mr Dennis Skinner and a handful of other persistent flouters of Parliamentary convention have continued to be ordered from the House at regular intervals, Wednesday night's uproar was very much an exception from the tone of recent business.

However, there have been a number of indications that, if an opportunity arose, there might be some sort of concerted disruption by the Labour Left, especially the Labour Left—not only on the strongest of these has been that on a series of occasions when Mr Fowler was named for their conduct, the Left-wing MPs have divided the House against their suspension and gained up to 80 votes.

Significantly, a prime mover in these rebellions against the discipline of the Labour whips as well as the rulings of the Speaker was Mr Eric Heffer, who played a leading part in Wednesday night's demonstration.

Mr Heffer is seen by some fellow Left-wingers as being ready to play a "rogue elephant" role in the party with his removal from the Shadow Cabinet.

The uproar over social security payments to strikers' families also marked, in the opinion of some, the end of the "honeymoon" period which the new Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, has enjoyed with the House. When deputy Speaker before rule.

Several times he told them that after each fresh incident or rowdy Question Time he received a shoal of letters complaining about the tone of proceedings, which greatly distressed him.

The advent of broadcasting in the mid-70s certainly created an impression among the radio audience that Parliamentary behaviour was already outrageous and was getting steadily worse.

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Both he and Mrs Dummett felt that the revised chapter was placing too strong an emphasis on the home background of West Indian pupils as part of the explanation for their underachievement at school.

Also to resign for the same reason was Fr Michael Hollings, former Roman Catholic chaplain to Oxford University, who has been parish priest at St Mary of the Angels in the heavily West Indian populated Notting Hill area since 1978.

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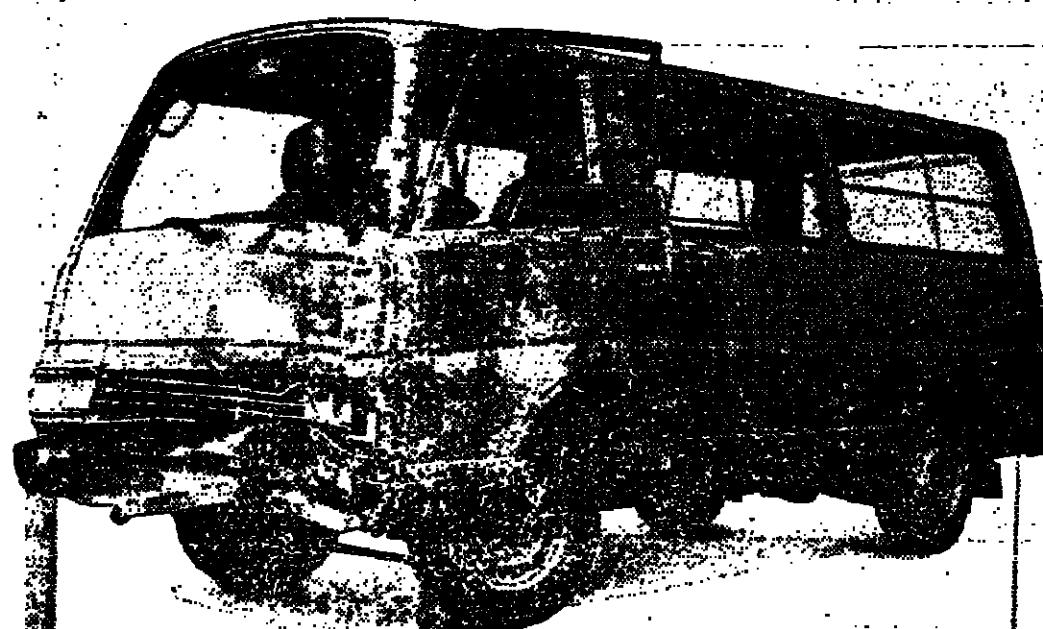
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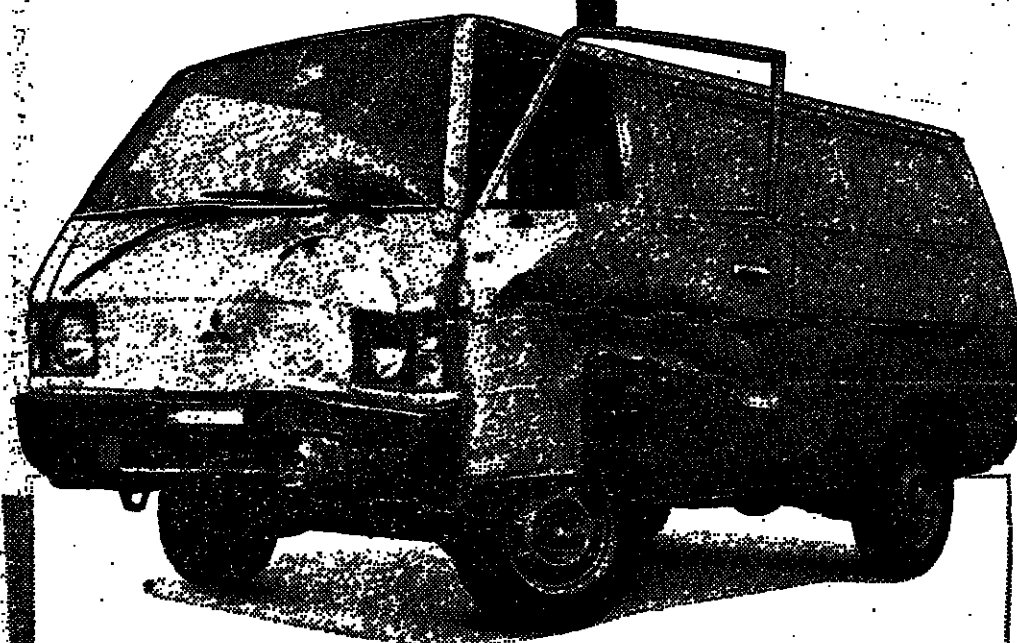
- ☐ Vehicle shortened 45cms.
- ☐ Strong deformation of floor plate on right.
- ☐ Significant displacement of dashboard and steering-system into interior.
- ☐ Steering-wheel forced up.
- ☐ Damage extends to rear frame area. Deformation involves entire left-hand side-panel.
- ☐ Driver's door can only be opened with heavy tools.
- ☐ Knee impact on dashboard. Head impact on steering-wheel.
- ☐ Total write-off.



NISSAN URVAN

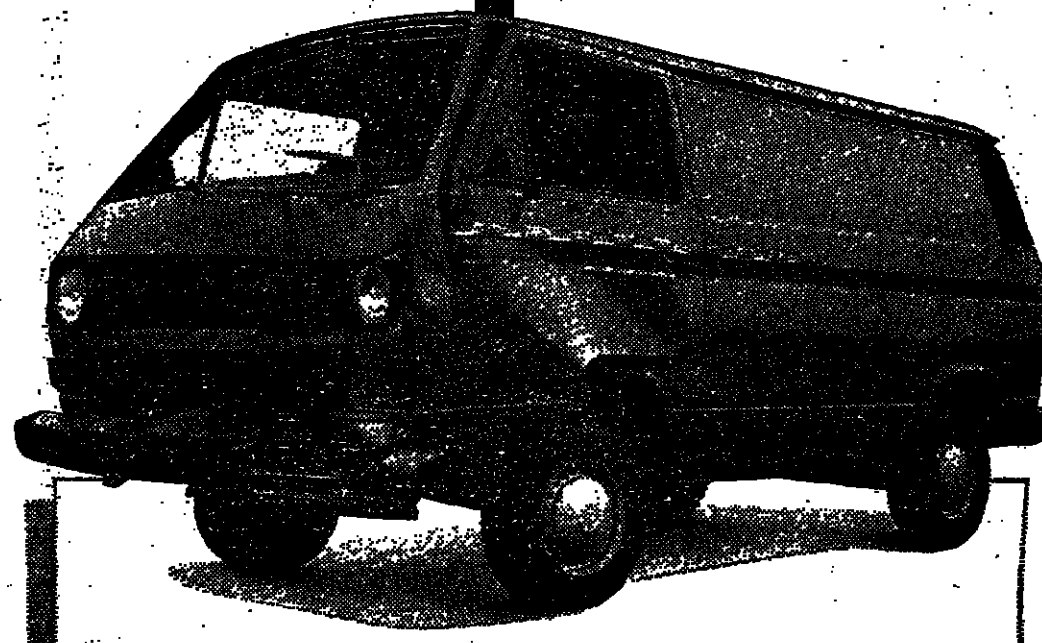
- ☐ Vehicle shortened 52cms.
- ☐ Hardly any footwell remaining.
- ☐ Steering-column forced up.
- ☐ Deformation of side-member, left side-panel and rear right side-panel.
- ☐ Driver's door can only be opened with heavy tools.
- ☐ Hydraulic jacks needed to extricate driver from badly condensed passenger compartment.
- ☐ Left leg completely trapped. Likewise upper torso from impact with steering-wheel. Foot deformed.
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# As crash tests go, this should pull you up short.



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- ☐ Strong deformation of passenger compartment.
- ☐ Leg-room severely compressed.
- ☐ Significant displacement of dashboard. Steering-wheel forced into interior (almost up to front seat). Steering-wheel itself deformed due to impact of thorax.
- ☐ Deformation of rear third of roof. Left-hand side-member buckled in front of rear-axle.
- ☐ Driver's door can only be opened with heavy tools.
- ☐ Splintered fragments embedded deep in knee joint. Right knee narrowly escaped handbrake lever. Clutch endangered calf.
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# HEATH HEADS BACKBENCH ATTACK OVER HOWE'S CUTBACKS

By PETER PRYKE and ANTHONY LOOCH

**CUTS** in the spending of the B B C's external services and of the British Council, announced by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, in the Commons last night, were condemned by Mr Heath as being against the national interest.

Conservative rebels, who were also unhappy about the Foreign Secretary's failure to give assurances that foreign aid would be maintained at the same level next year, cheered Mr Heath as he criticised Sir Geoffrey's speech.

Pointing out that the Public Borrowing Requirement had risen by £1.1 billion more this year than anticipated, the former Prime Minister said: "Here we are dealing with things of major national interest, saving a million here and £750,000 there."

"It is entirely out of proportion," he added, "amid cheers from both sides of the House."

Sir GEOFFREY had told MPs that he was looking for savings of £1.2 million in the spending of the British Council, and about £1 million from the B B C external services.

He won his only cheer from his own supporters when he announced that Britain was to give notice of withdrawal from Unesco by the end of next year, with the provision that the decision would be reconsidered if the organisation reformed itself meanwhile.

**Service charges**  
In addition to the cuts, and the closing of ten small missions abroad, Sir Geoffrey announced that the Foreign Office was to obtain about £4 million from charges for some of its services.

There was to be a new £10 fee for entry certificates for Commonwealth citizens and the charge for entry clearance for foreign nationals coming to the United Kingdom was to be increased from £5 to £10.

On foreign aid, Sir Geoffrey pointed out that over the next three years expenditure was expected to increase faster than British inflation.

But his critics noted that he did not give an assurance that foreign aid would not be cut next year.

Mr HEATH criticised Sir Geoffrey for not securing more money for Foreign Office seconding in his negotiations with the Chancellor, Mr Lawson, and about the "automaticity" of his

had to take account of the fact that Government spending was planned in terms of the cash cost of each programme, and he had to take into account factors such as movement of exchange rates.

He stressed the Government's commitment to maintaining the quality of service provided by Britain's overseas diplomatic missions, but said cuts had been rising due to the need to provide increased security.

"I have decided it would be right to close about ten small posts—almost all of them are subordinate posts."

**Progress on reform**  
Sir Geoffrey criticised Unesco for not giving "value for money," but acknowledged that some progress had been made on reform.

"But we cannot at this stage be confident that adequate reforms will necessarily be achieved by the end of 1985 and it would be wrong not to safeguard our position."

The British Council faced particular difficulties in some countries from inflation, and he was looking for £1.2 million in savings.

Dr MARK HUGHES (Lib., Durham), intervening, said: "As vice-chairman of the British Council I will consider my position as to whether we will continue bi-partisan vice-chairmanship of that authority."

Sir GEOFFREY said it would not be right for the Government to meet the full amount of the increase in the cost of the B B C external services, and he was looking for savings of about one per cent in their total spending.

There would still be increased Government provision of about £50,000 and the £100 million capital programme to improve audibility would be maintained.

Sir Geoffrey said provision for the overseas aid programme remained unchanged at £1,150 million.

Mr ROY JENKINS (Soc. Dem., Hillhead) said he did



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Mr DU CANN: Doing less than he might.

not believe, in general, that there was any extravagance in Britain's diplomatic representation abroad.

"We spend on Fortresses Falklands between £500 million and a billion pounds a year. We spend on our defence budget, which on the whole I am in favour of, £17 billion a year. We are proposing to spend on Trident over a five-year period, between £10 billion and £12 billion."

"I hope these defence expenditures are primarily to increase our influence in the world, and not to blow it up. To spend these vast sums and then niggle about a few million for making Britain's voice heard seems to show a total lack of proportion."

**'Must do more'**  
Mr EDWARD DU CANN (C., Taunton) said that as far as overseas aid was concerned, there was no moral dilemma for Britain. There is only one moral imperative. We do too little for our fellow man, and it is our duty to do all we can.

"I hope we would say clearly to our friends in government during this debate that at this moment we are doing less than we might, and we must do more."

Sir ANTHONY KERSHAW (C., Stroud), chairman of the Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee, said he was also vice-chairman of the British Council.

He deplored the three per cent. cut in the Council's activ-

ties and said such cuts had been imposed by the Government for the past five years.

He also spoke of the long-term damage that would result from changing the B B C's overseas programmes. "You cannot pop in and out of programmes, and expect to keep your audience," he said.

Mr FRANCIS PYM (C., Cambridgeshire, S.E.) said the aid programme was being maintained at the expense of the diplomatic service, the Overseas Service of the B B C and the British Council.

Mr Pym said he thought the Government had got its priorities wrong, and the amount it was saving was trivial.

Cuts in the foreign service had already gone too far, and were now "positively damaging" to British interests.

"Quite frankly, the diplomatic service is now being starved to the point of ineffectiveness."

**REPLY ON LONGER SHOP HOURS SOON**

The Government would announce its response to calls for legalised late-night shopping and Sunday trading early next year, Mr BRITAIN, Home Secretary, told the Commons yesterday.

This follows publication of the Audit Report urging that all shopping hour curbs should be scrapped. There was general agreement that the law was unsatisfactory, said Mr Britain.

It would be impossible, though, for any government to eliminate every sort of risk in our lives. We had to focus on risks as they were clearly identified.

The three priorities were to safeguard food supplies, to protect the marine environment and to establish a new statutory process for the approval and use of pesticides. The Bill was not designed to restrain trade.

Labour peers supported the general principle that spraying had to be controlled in every way.

There were also powers over deposits made at sea, and others to control the supply and use of pesticides.

# Speaker warns Labour MPs about behaviour

By WILLIAM WEEKES Parliamentary Staff

**LABOUR** MPs who brought the Commons to a halt amid uproar on Wednesday night were warned by the SPEAKER, Mr Weatherill, yesterday that their behaviour undermined the authority of Parliament.

His words were directed at about 30 backbenchers who gathered defiantly in front of the table and shouted furiously at Ministers.

The row was over the payment of social security benefits to the families of striking miners.

As a result of the uproar, Mr Fowler, Social Services Secretary, was stopped from making a statement which Labour MPs had specifically requested.

Opposition charges that the £1 million to £16 million weekly deductions from Supplementary Benefit for strikers' families was callous and vindictive were turned round by Mrs THATCHER when she was repeatedly challenged during Question Time yesterday.

"Every single thing you say you should turn against the NUM for their callousness in not looking after their members calling them out on strike without a ballot and refusing to give them any help during the strike."

**Hattersley taunt**  
Mr HATTERSLEY, deputising for Mr Kinnock, who is in Moscow, taunted Mrs Thatcher with her own words last week about the Opposition leader lacking the guts to face striking miners and condemn violence on the picket lines.

Angered because Mr Fowler had announced the £1 increase in a written answer instead of verbally to MPs, Mr Hattersley challenged: "Why did you not have the guts to come down and explain it yourself?"

Deductions are made from the payment of benefits because unions are deemed to provide strike pay, though the NUM does not. Labour has decided to use one of the opposition days to debate the Government's action on Monday.

**Disorderly conduct**  
Mr WEATHERILL, who adjourned the House on Wednesday after having suspended it for 10 minutes, said: "For centuries this House has seen the strongest expression of conflicting opinion and policy and over the centuries this

"Do you still not realise that such callousness confirms our long-held view that you are less concerned with the waste and suffering of the miners' dispute than the hope of securing a cheap political victory?"

"Why do you consistently pretend this is necessary under the Act when the Act gives you powers to change the regulations?"

One of the noisiest moments in a rowdy 15 minutes came as Dr OWEN, leader of the S.D.P., tried to put a question to the Prime Minister. Labour MPs kept up a barrage of shouting, almost drowning him out.

After the Speaker had restored order, Dr Owen said: "I will stand here until hell freezes over."

Dr Owen, when he could make himself heard, said the Government would have shown more sensitivity and been fairer to the families of striking miners if the deduction had only been increased from £15 to £15.50.

## COMING DEBATES

### HOUSE OF LORDS

Tues: Debate on proposals to televise Lords proceedings and on the proposed withdrawal of the 21 note: Local Government and Social Security Orders.

Wed: Short debates on the needs of the long-term unemployed, on the production and sale of educational books, and on measures to prevent famines like that in Ethiopia.

Thurs: Prosecution of Offences Bill, 2nd rdg; Debate on the investigation and inspection powers of the European Commission.

### HOUSE OF COMMONS

Mon: Debate on an Opposition motion entitled, "Further reduction in the real value and purchasing power of Social Security benefits for families of strikers." Social Security Bill, 2nd rdg; Motions on the Coal (Limit of Deficit Grants) Order.

Tuesday: Debate on an Opposition motion on the failure of Government policies to safeguard the natural environment and the national heritage of Britain; Motions on the Repairs Grants (Air Traffic) (Family Law) and on the Coal (Limit of Deficit Grants) Order.

Wednesday: Completion of remaining stages of the Elections (Northern Ireland) Bill; motions on Northern Ireland Orders on (road traffic) (family law) and on loans (increase of limit).

Thurs: Debate on the Royal Navy; Motion on an E.E.C. document on summer-time arrangements; Motion on E.E.C. documents on red meat and poultry meat, and on hormone implants to cattle.

Fri: Private members' motions. Mon Dec 3: Local Government Bill, 2nd reading.

### Today in Parliament

#### HOUSE OF COMMONS

8.30: Debate on the report of the Warwick Committee on human fertilisation and embryo-

# Ban urged on aerial spraying

By WALTER ABURN Parliamentary Staff

**ALLIANCE** peers would be happy to consider a complete prohibition on the aerial spraying of pesticides, said Lord WALSTON (Soc Dem) yesterday in the Lords when peers gave a second reading to the Government Food and Environment Protection Bill.

He voiced the view that with the advent of new spraying equipment it was possible to concentrate spray on the farm area where it is needed with no aerial spraying at all.

This would prevent accidents where allotments and gardens and sometimes people were sprayed with pesticides and stop indiscriminate spraying which destroyed flies, butterflies and birds sheltering in hedgerows.

But farmers should retain their right to buy pesticides and fertilisers abroad, where they were cheaper, with no impediment.

Lord BELSTEAD, Agriculture Minister in the Lords, said the Bill's three parts dealt with power to take emergency precautionary action to stop the human consumption of contaminated food.

There were also powers over

deposits made at sea, and others to control the supply and use of pesticides.

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# THE ARTS

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NOTORIOUSLY, a big budget is no guarantee of a fine film, rather the contrary. I would say. While there are many effective scenes in the David Puttnam production *The Killing Fields*, made for \$15 million I found it unsatisfactory as a whole.

The basis is factual — on the friendship between the New York Times special correspondent, Sydney Schanberg, and his assistant, Tih Pran, and their experiences when reporting the war, or perhaps I should say wars, in Cambodia in 1975-76, where, in effect, a postscript was written to the larger conflict of Vietnam.

Despite some small reporting of these wars at the time, Cambodia rarely qualifies as a far-off country of which we know little, and it seems one of the film's objectives that, even at this late date, 10 years after we should know more of it.

As, while locations in that part of the world bring authenticity, and such events as the accidental bombing of the town of Neak Luong and later taking of the rebels of the capital of Phnom Penh make harrowing scenes as caught by the director, Roland Joffe, with much realism, some facts important to our understanding of what we see find no place in the narrative.

That the Vietnam had been occupying areas of Cambodia from the South Vietnam with the intention of out-flanking the Americans I heard no mention at all. So the American bombing of these enemy enclaves, whether legal or not, is made to seem gratuitously destructive, though strategically desirable against a threat to the U.S. withdrawal and South Vietnamese independence.

So, from the very start when

our two correspondents go to the heart of the matter, the film's attitude seems somewhat sourly anti-American, not so much by intention, perhaps, as omission, there being no word, for instance, about the Communists as the enemy or of the Soviets behind them.

As if it is, there is chiefly a map and a summary of background facts to enable us to appreciate the foreground it so colourfully presents, facts which the author, Bruce Robinson, might well have worked into the narrative.

Schanberg's devotion to duty and integrity to be admired, and a strong friendship to be inferred with some difficulty through Pran's inscrutable Oriental expression.

When, in 1975, things become too hot in the capital, Schanberg arranges the evacuation to America of Pran's wife and children; only when, later, the last refugees in the French boat leave is Pran left behind — to start, in effect, another film, altogether showing his life under the Khmer Rouge.

How Schanberg's reporting is rewarded by a Pulitzer Prize back home and how his remorse at leaving Pran is assuaged when, after revealing adventures, Pran eventually turns up in Thailand, make an ending moving had the film suggested better the depth of feeling between the two men, who are impersonated by Sam Waterston and Dr Haing S. Ngor.

AS THE first Soviet director to make a film in Hollywood, Andrei Konchalovsky has obviously wanted to break ground new to him, to do, in fact, something he could not do at home. So in *Maria's Lovers* he has made a film with scenes so explicit it could not be shown in the U.S.S.R., but artistically of a superior kind, of course, as might be expected of one of Russia's leading directors.

Mixing sex and art are evidently presented difficulties, and the film that results, which may be described as a sex tragedy-comedy with sentimental and romantic aspects, is a com-

promise unlikely to be satisfactory, especially when a realistic style is imposed.

The GI who in 1946 returns to his little home town in Pennsylvania seems lucky to marry the lovely girl he left behind. Only she has been in his imagination too long, and actually shows him to be impotent.

How this awkward situation is eventually resolved, with the wife losing her virginity to another man, which curiously restores her husband to virility, is rather a ridiculous story, confirming Stendhal's dictum that impotence is a subject only for comedy.

That this manages to keep fairly serious and also romantic is much due to the acting of John Savage and Nastassja Kinski against a typical American small-town background of the period handled by the Russian director with great skill and evident affection.

WITH such a humourist as Alan Bennett writing the script, and such comedians as Michael Palin and Maggie Smith heading the cast, something funny is expected of *A Private Function*, a first feature from Malcolm Mowbray, and, by goodness, something absolutely side-splitting is the result.

Mr Bennett has had the happy idea of finding his fun in the rationing days of post-war Britain, in 1947 to be precise, in a north country town and despotically by a little cloud of professional men of base instincts, led by the doctor (Denholm Elliott).

Two of the town's three butchers have already been closed down for infringements of regulations, but the clique have hidden away a pig, a local farm which is being illegally fed up for a great dinner to be given to local big-wigs on the day of the royal wedding.

How Mr Palin, as a meek chirpologist much put down by this rather crude and also by his wife (Miss Smith) who is determined to ascend socially, gets to hear of this illegal pig and actually kidnaps it makes a wonderfully funny, slightly satirical comedy of provincial manners of the period, and what happens then had the audience laughing as I have never before heard in the cinema.

What more can I say, beyond commending all concerned on



Dr Haing S. Ngor and Sam Waterston in "The Killing Fields."

a comedy as ripe, rude and robust as any I can remember.

THE Australian Angela Punch McGregor, who was my actress of the year for her performance in *The Never Never* in 1983, provides another very powerful impersonation in *Annie's Coming Out* as an assistant psychiatrist at an institution for profoundly retarded children.

The story of how this psychiatrist, against opposition from the institution's governors, gives intellectual life to some children regarded as vegetables, in particular one little girl named Annie, is said to be true; and certainly the documentary-like style adopted by the director, Gil Brealey, supports this assertion.

A very moving film, then, with the psychiatrist bravely fighting her professional superiors on a matter of principle and humanity which she embraces almost obsessively. The final law case which goes in her favour presumably made legal history.

THE TITLE of Stuart Margolin's *The Glitter Dome* refers to a bar where Hollywood police meet off-duty. It is here that detective Al (James Garner) and his partner, Marty (John Lithgow) are called out

to solve the murder of an important producer, shot in a Rolls-Royce.

A more complicated case, with a longer chain of curious people involved, is hard to imagine and harder still to follow, though the effort is not entirely unrewarding.

COMING from Bob Clark, director of the violent, unpleasant, "Porky's," *A Christmas Tale* is a surprise, being a slender, sentimental account of an eight-year-old boy's little adventures with his small-town family around 1940, as recalled 40 years later — by a "voice over," naturally enough. The origin is a story by the well known humorist Jean Shepherd, though the comedy, like the material, is very slight, and nostalgia is relied on almost to excess.

Patrick Gibbs

## THEATRE / Phedra

### Defiantly trusting Racine

THE REVIVAL of the Old Vic of Racine's *Phedra* had hardly begun before I was struck by the courage of what was evidently going to be a mighty gesture of faith in the tempestuous but ice-cold classic of 17th century drama.

Its people, alive with suppressed and destructive emotions, speak in neat decorous rhyme — difficult for our stage, then the plot is classical Greek, the setting Louis XIV baroque. At the National nine years ago, they did not dare all this.

The direction and designs of Philip Frowse funk nothing. He uses a new translation by Robert David Macdonald in rhymed heroic couplets — sinewy faithful. The costumes approximate sumptuously to the period. And the acting has an extravagance which scared some of the audience into nervous laughter.

But I found Glenda Jackson

wonderfully impressive as Phedra, torn between uncontrollable desire for her stepson and the endeavour to abide by moral imperatives. Beautiful at first, she ends in squalid disarray, victim of the goddess none can cheat of her prey. "Malgré soi perfide, incesseuse," as Boileau put it. Confessing to her beloved, she cries in despair: "You could have seen — if you had

ever looked at me!" The actress finds a voice to tear buried feelings out of herself as jagged and hoarse as her torment. She moves to a scratchy bitterness to a totally unlooked-for tenderness when she speaks of the love her man has shared with another woman.

John Barber

## DANCE / Janet Smith and Company

JANET SMITH'S new work, "Signs of Another Sun," performed by her with her company at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford, on Wednesday night, shows to good advantage her strange and fascinating qualities as choreographer and dancer.

The piece originated in the Indonesian cloths brought back from the company's tour of the Far East last March; the beautifully coloured and exotically designed cloths were imaginatively used by Janet Smith as elements in a suite of dances, each with a delicate Far Eastern flavour and each incorporating the length of cloth in a different way.

The structure evolved by Janet Smith — ranging from the end of night through sunrise to planning, courtship and other scenes to the eventual re-

turn of night — gave her exactly the support she needed to create poetic patterns suited to her mysterious and haunting personality.

One of the problems she has always had to face is that she stands out so boldly from the other dancers in her company, not technically but in the magic she radiates through her mysteriously elegant movements and her beautiful face.

In her new piece she solves this problem very well: there is one dance, for example, "Sea Spirit," which begins with two men in silence lashing the stage with lengths of cloth and then she appears in a very strange solo, "Fire," in which she suggests gentle, curving flames as she manipulates her length of cloth.

Christopher Benstead's music,

showing clear influences from the Gamelan music of Indonesia, gives the choreographer just the support that she needs.

Robert North's new piece, "Miniatures," based on a number of short pieces by Stravinsky, includes one lovely group dance for four female artists, in which he achieves an excellent visual counterpoint well matched to the music. He also gives his wife, Janet Smith, an amusing solo as a kind of circus ringmaster, but other sections of the piece are much less well suited to the music, notably one in which rather obvious clowning is set against very harsh, satirical music by Stravinsky.

Fernau Hall

Some of these notices appeared in later editions yesterday.

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## MUSIC / Risurrezione

ALFANO holds his place in operatic history, rather dubiously, for his completion of Puccini's *Turandot*. His own opera, *Risurrezione*, written much earlier (1904), had never quite fallen out of the repertory, and its revival this week by Beaufort Opera at the Polish Centre Theatre in Ham-

mersmith, indicates why it is more than of interest merely to the historian. Alfano knew as well as Puccini how to affect an audience's emotions. His somewhat desultory score is full of tearful melancholy and judiciously placed climaxes. On the other hand, it hardly matches up to the challenge presented by attempting to set to music Tolstoy's novel, "Resurrection." It is here little more than a starting point for a full-blooded verismo opera, whose hero, Katusha, degenerates from true love to disgrace and prostitution before she is reborn in Siberia to self-sacrifice. Alfano never quite clinches his melodic profusion with taut enough structures.

In Tolstoy, the fate of the

hero, Prince Dimitri, is important, but here he is little more than a Pinkerton-like tenor, although his last-act behaviour is more palatable than Pinkerton's. It is the soprano's singing, and in the first act this staging, Marie-Elena Giordano, obviously enjoyed the opportunities Alfano offers for soaring above the stage, her spirit soaring above the Italianate fervour in spite of some uneven patches.

Zbigniew Siniicki, the Dimitri, has a vigorous tenor, not always used with sensitivity. He was happier as the sympathetic, Pierre-like figure of the later acts than as the youthful lover.

Alan Blyth

## Tang Yun, Craig Sheppard

THE STUDENTSHIP of the young Chinese violinist Tang Yun cannot have been easy: after early successes in Shanghai there was the prohibition of Western music during the Cultural Revolution, and only then a course of studies that took her to New York and London.

Now, however, she is performing internationally, and at Wigmore Hall on Wednesday night she gave a most enjoyable recital with the pianist Craig Sheppard, which proved her worth in the classical as well as the romantic and modern repertories.

Opening with Beethoven's Sonata in C, op. 86, she projected a bright, clear line, perhaps not always alive to more mysterious moments, but purposefully directed, and then

she responded to the dark, romantically charged world of Chopin's "Prelude" with an ideal blend of passion and fastidiousness.

Miss Yun truly came into her own here, and no less so in her own solo Sonata in E minor, op. 27 no. 4 which received an outstanding performance richly sonorous in multiple stopping, warmly phrased, the structural ebb and flow confidently caught.

Finally there was Prokofiev's First Sonata, and supported powerfully by Mr Sheppard, Miss Yun encompassed its fierce drive







# The collectors' corner

By Richard Conduit

FEW among us can expect to collect anything much in the way of precious stones. But we can dream, and Benjamin Zucker's "Gems and Jewels: A Connoisseur's Guide" (Thames & Hudson, £30) is the stuff that dreams are made of.

It is sumptuously produced with many coloured photographs and takes us stone by stone from rubi, sapphire, emerald and diamond through to jade, opal and garnet. The chemical content is discussed and the reader is shown where to find fine examples. The prose sparkles a bit brightly, but then it is difficult to write prosaically about gems.

One could guess that no jeweller's business has handled more precious stones than Cartier. Hans Nadolhoff has written a much illustrated history, "Cartier: Jewellers Extraordinary" (Thames & Hudson, £25), in which he charts the growth of the firm from its modest Parisian beginnings, its expansion under the founder's three sons who made its name as familiar among Indian millionaires, to its present state under new ownership.

Far more modest in its scope but very good value is Diana Scarisbrick's "Jewellery" (Batsford, £8.50). This is a sensible historical survey of the wearing of gems from the beginning of the 17th century. Not much colour but plenty of good black-and-white plates. Also in the "Costume Accessories" series at the same price is Helene Alexander's "Fans" which is again historical and makes good use of paintings to show fans in use.

"Starting to Collect Silver" (Antique Collectors' Club, £14.50), by John Luddington, is much more than a primer. It does indeed assume some knowledge but with plenty of black-and-white illustrations and resort to question and answer sessions soon has the reader looking at his own pieces with new knowledge and ability. Douglas Bennett's "Collecting Irish Silver, 1637-1800" (Souvenir, £14.95) is aimed at the more informed. It has a valuable appendix listing marks and makers.

Hugo Miley-Fletcher and Roger McIlroy have, for "Christie's Pictorial History of European Pottery" (Phaidon/Christie's, £25), been able to rely on objects that have passed through the auction house's illustrations. This wide range survey covers all Northern Europe, though as its title implies it does not include porce-

laine. The text is relatively brief but the pictures are glorious.

One of the finest collections of the product of the first 25 years of porcelain manufacture at Worcester is that belonging to the American, Kenneth Klepper. This has now been catalogued and annotated by Simon Spurr in "Worcester Porcelain: The Klepper Collection" (Lund Humphries with Minneapolis Institute of Art, £30). A bonus to this volume is an appendix in which are printed the gossipy letters from Mr Klepper's main supplier in England, the late T. Leonard Crow, which give a lively picture of the collectors' world.

The entire history of "Royal Copenhagen" is told with great spirit by H. V. F. Win-tone with the help of some excellent photographs. Though obviously aimed at the collector, this is a book that can be enjoyed by anyone. It includes such details as the menu for one of the last mid 19th-century meals eaten from one of the royal dinner services.

One must go a long way down the social scale from royal banquets to find the toby jugs or great pitchers with allegorical or topical scenes embossed on them. R. K. Henrywood introduces us to the makers of this form of pottery in "Relief-Moulded Jugs, 1820-1900" (Antique Collectors' Club, £14.50) and tells us what to look for, with the help of his 300 illustrations.

Someone who wants to know more about the subject could not do much better than to invest in "Macdonald (C. 95-95), by Rachael Feild, which takes the reader through the process of manufacture and repair remarkably clearly and gives a number of salutary warnings about sharp practice along the way.

Of interest really only to those with a passion for bygone America are two handsome volumes, both published by Norton at £35: "Textiles in America, 1650-1870," by Florence M. Montgomery is in dictionary form and greatly detailed; "Arts of the Pennsylvania Germans," written by Scott T. Swank and others, covers furniture, textiles, glass, books and so on.

From Russia have come two richly illustrated volumes cataloguing the riches held in the Soviet museums, both are published by Allen Lane. "Rugs and Carpets from Central Asia" (£30) is by Elena Tzarova and "Rugs and Carpets from the Caucasus" (£25) is by Liaili Kerimov, Nonna Stepanian, Lulvana Grigolova and David Tsitsishvili. Both are translated by Arthur Shkarovsky-Rallis. The first of these catalogues shows in good colour some wonderful work from the Southern Soviet Republics.

Before investing in any of the annual price-guides I would urge a novice to read the clearly set-out information in "Christie's Guide to Collecting" (Phaidon/Christie's, £3-95), edited by Robert Cumming, in which various experts write short essays giving advice on all aspects of collecting — displaying, insuring, conserving, bidding at auctions.

There is a warning included that price guides can only show what was paid for a particular object; they cannot establish a list-price as with second-hand motor cars. Having said that it must be admitted that the three guides compiled by Tony Curtis make riveting reading: "The Lyle Official Antiques Review, 1985" (£9-95), "The Lyle Price Guide to Collectibles" (£9-95) and "The Lyle Price Guide to Printed Collectibles" (£9-95) show what was paid for items illustrated.

The same warning should be given to those using Joseph Connolly's "Modern First Editions: Their Value to Collectors" (Oxford, £15). Here listed under selected authors are estimates of the price of first editions. It makes useful reading for one who took the jacket off his first edition of Ian Fleming's "Casino Royale" and gave the book to his children to read. Mr Connolly rates a jacketed copy as worth up to £750. Ah well,

"I CAN take them with a dose of salts," said Sam Goldwyn, referring to the abuses of his adopted tongue with which he inadvertently staked a second claim to immortality and, in the process, adding another "Goldwynism" to the collection.

So found was this single source that Patrick Hughes adds a 14-page appendix to "More on Oxymeron" (Cape, £7-95), showing how the Polish emigrant-turned-magician provided one or several examples for each of ten bulls under scrutiny in the book. This generic term, commonly known as the Irish Bull, is restricted by the dictionary to "an expression containing contradiction in terms, or implying ludicrous inconsistency."

But Mr Hughes, who describes himself as a "short-sighted and myopic," has identified other distinct themes to add to the ptolemaic, the tautology and the eponymous oxymeron.

Goldwyn's every utterance seemed to fit the bull. As an example of the "obvious," Mr Hughes cites: "The reason so many people showed up at Louis B. Mayer's funeral was because they wanted to make sure he was dead." As "figure/ground reversal"—where the usual reversal is transposed—he recalls Goldwyn standing at the rail of a Transatlantic liner leaving New York and shouting to his assembled relatives, friends and employees: "Bon voyage! Bon voyage!"

Each of the figures in Mr Hughes's lively diagnosis has a visual equivalent. But the spilled-ink gag from the joke shop (oxymeron) and Magritte's drawing of a candle giving forth darkness (contradiction in terms) lack the honest spontaneity of the spoken word.

By John Coldstream

"Well, I won one game in a row," said the chess grandmaster Victor Korchin.

Groucho Marx's "self-contradiction" that "I would refuse to join any club that would have me as a member" crops up again, amended, in "Cutting Edge — or Back in the Kaitie" (Miss Shagan's) (Dent, £8-95), where Ned Sherrin prophesies that "[Marx's] 'I don't care to belong to any club that will accept me as a member' will be stolen and played with for ever."

True to his form as a broadcaster, Mr Sherrin's anthology

More Christmas books next week

of wit travels like some hurtling mail-train, plucking at bags of valuables labelled "the word-smiths," "showbiz" or "the human appetites." W. C. Fields' anguished "What contemptible scoundrel stole the cork from my lunch?" occurs in both the second and third categories.

Gerald Ford's "Ronald Reagan doesn't dye his hair — he's just prematurely orange" has as much resonance now as it did in 1974. And Denis Healey "came to fame" for Mr Sherrin by describing a debate with Sir Geoffrey Howe as "like being savaged by a dead sheep." A year later the adroit Healey was adapting it to "being nibbled by a headbug."

It is odd to find Henry Root (alias William Donaldson), whose letters struck home in all areas of public life four years ago, confined by Mr Sherrin to the sporting section, offering Brian Clough £1 to buy a foreign player and suggesting to Ted Dexter that the names of Indian

cricketers do not matter — "just say, 'Oh dear, the ball went straight through the little sooty's legs'." It was the conjunction of Root's outrageous approach with the unpredictable rejoinder which made the first volume so irresistible.

A brave attempt has been made to out-root Donaldson by Brian Bethell, in "The Defence Diaries of W. Morgan Petty" (Vikings, £6-95), charting the campaign to establish a nuclear-free zone at 3, Cherry Drive, Canterbury. Radio 4 listeners will recall a drab serialisation, but the book comes alive with the carefully reasoned game-playing by some of his distinguished correspondents.

Sir Austin Pearce of British Aerospace warns of the danger "to gladioli and other living matter" from the down-thrust of a Harrier if Petty buys one to keep in the garden. Lords Hill-Norton and Carver offer respectively a scythe and a Swedish cavalry officer's sabre "to thicken up your defences."

More headed newspaper, this time from the Department of Administrative Affairs, is reproduced under the 30-year rule in "The Complete Yes Minister — The Diaries of a Cabinet Minister by the Rt Hon. James Hacker, M.P." (BBC, £8-75). This savoury-bound, 500-page volume is brilliantly edited by Jonathan Lynn and Antony Jay, who wrote from Hacker College, Oxford, in September, 1979, the diaries constitute a unique contribution to our understanding of the way that Britain was governed in the 1980s. Many a true word... For almost alone Messrs. Lynn and Jay are making good the shortage they have found "of comic literature that takes on the realities of modern government."

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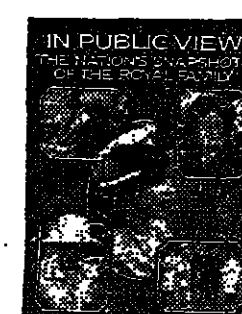
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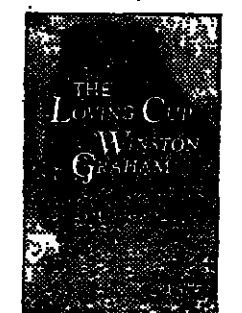
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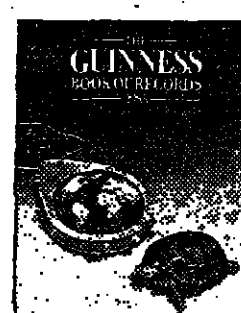
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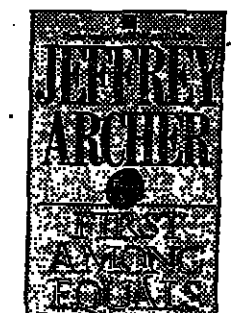
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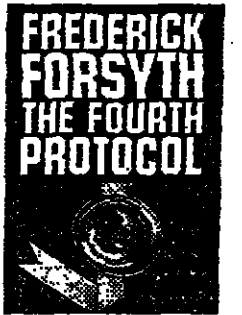
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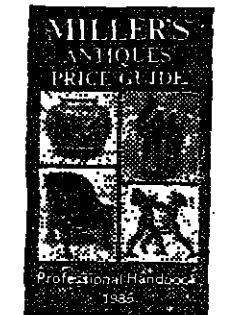
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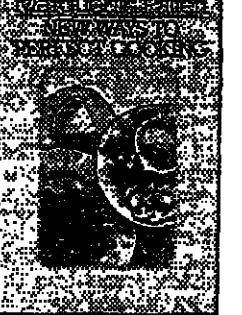
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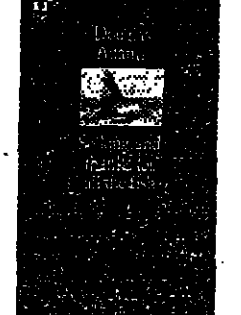
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## A PLAIN WARNING

WEDNESDAY'S NONSENSE in the Commons was rather more than nonsense. Constructive tumult from the back-benches we know about, the protest, sometimes boorish, sometimes brave, not always invalid of one individual (IRENE WARD or TAM DALYELL) can be understood. On Wednesday, however, a group of MPs behaved like a coercion pack on a street corner. There was a whiff of "extra-parliamentary opposition" paradoxically within the chamber itself. A number of members evidently wish to operate on the margins of physical force-policies where parts of the NUM have long resided. The Speaker, Mr BERNARD WEATHERILL, coped very well indeed, giving a brief chance for civility to re-assert itself and then cutting the craziness short by abrupt suspension. What we have to fear is that this will not be a brief intermezzo, but that such overflows of street politics will become commonplace. There are enough people in parliament who hate and despise parliament as the product of fraudulent petty bourgeois arithmetic, to organise this sort of outing whenever they wish.

No naming took place, perhaps because the failure to punish MICHAEL HESLITINE for his solo endeavour with the mace some years ago may have inhibited action. But practical rules must be worked out for a coming session in which the anti-parliamentary parliamentarians try to smash rational debate. Punishment is a much underestimated mechanism for stopping people from doing things. Were the Speaker in the next few days to set out his own code of consequences he could help parliament and his own authority enormously. One and two day suspensions are worse than useless; they are sought after, they constitute maximum publicity and minimum tribulation. If you are going to martyr somebody, martyr him properly! Suspensions for group protesters and for all users of violence should have a minimum tariff, say three months, and should entail loss of salary. At the discretion of the Speaker the term should rise steeply. The place for extra-parliamentary opposition should be, in every sense the words will bear, outside. Unless very specific and very hard things are promised quickly we have a season of low, barbarous delights before us.

## A LESSON FOR THE UNIONS

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO determine the extent to which the pre-strike ballot clauses of the 1984 Trade Union Act contributed to the collapse of the Austin Rover pay strike. Even without the new legislation it was always probable that the B.L. shop stewards were going to face considerable difficulties in maintaining a united front. Plants were divided between those earning high productivity bonuses and those which were not. Workers were divided between the skilled engineers and electricians who receive substantial overtime payments and the men on the assembly track who do not. There seems little doubt, however, that the company's willingness to make use of the Act's provisions by issuing injunctions and threatening to seek contempt fines at least hastened the strike's denouement. By claiming that the shop stewards had rigged the outcome of mass meetings and by forcing the issue of a secret ballot, Austin Rover's management succeeded in stripping the strike of all legitimacy.

The lessons of the abortive Austin Rover strike for trade union leaders are threefold. The first is an old one—find out the mood of your members. Conscript strikers do not impress determined and strong-willed managements. Secondly, face up to the fact that the people you represent approve of the idea of secret ballots and do not think that your objections to them amount to a row of beans. Finally, do not fool yourself into thinking that denouncing laws you happen to dislike will make them go away. Principled opposition is one thing, but to refuse obedience to the law is futile.

As time passes, it becomes clearer just how clever and effective the Government's step-by-step strategy to reform the trade unions is proving. By moving gradually, the Government has always found itself responding to public opinion rather than attempting to lead it. That is as it should be—astuteness is a higher political virtue than brute courage. Inevitably, it will take some time before the full impact of all the legislation which has been passed since 1981 is felt. It does not seem over-optimistic, however, to look forward to a time when unions are more democratic, more responsive to their members' wishes and less tied to one political party than they are today. Further measures to curb the monopoly bargaining power of trade unions may well, in the interests of the unemployed, who find themselves priced out of work, prove necessary, but the Government is entitled to feel quietly pleased with what has been achieved to date.

## UNESCO: A BOLD DECISION

THE GOVERNMENT IS TO BE congratulated on its decision to give notice at the end of this year of withdrawal from Unesco. After some wavering, it has overcome the natural conservatism of the Foreign Office and resisted the pressure applied by various Commonwealth Governments in recent weeks. The petty cuts proposed for the B.C. external service and the British Council, by contrast with Unesco estimable organisations, are another matter.

Unesco is an inefficient, politicised, mismanaged and partly corrupt organisation which even its friends find difficult to defend. Nonetheless it has done some good things and no doubt could again. It is very important that the countries which remain part of Unesco, and most particularly those Commonwealth countries which have been pressing us to stay, should understand that Britain is opposed to the practices, not the principles, of the organisation. In his statement to the Commons yesterday, Sir GEOFFREY HOWE made clear that if these practices were reformed Britain would not leave at the end of next year. One may well doubt Unesco's ability to reform itself, yet it could be done, and one act would make it possible. That is the resignation of Mr ANADOU MAHAR M'BOU, the Senegalese Director-General who has been so intimately associated with Unesco's 10-year decline, and his replacement by a figure acceptable to all sides.

The threatened departure of Britain, and the actual departure of the United States at the end of this year, may not in themselves undermine Mr M'BOU's very considerable pride. But if several other European Governments said that they would leave unless Mr M'BOU went, it is possible that some Third World countries could find him a pleasant surprise. These countries know that Unesco, starved of funds by the West, will perish. The way to save it in the long term is for other Western nations to follow our example.

PETER PATERSON sees the miners' president losing a war he does not know how to end but for which the blame must be passed to others

EVEN if the steady drift back to work by the miners is not quite on the scale predicted by the National Coal Board, it ought to be sufficient to demonstrate even to Arthur Scargill's diehards that the game is up. Every national union leader I have spoken to in recent weeks agrees that by any normal standard of industrial relations there is nothing more that can possibly be gained by continuing the strike.

But the dispute in the coal industry is not by any means "normal". It cannot be compared even to the two national mining disputes of 1972 and 1973-4 under the leadership of Lord Gormley: both of these could be claimed as a victory, the latter—given its political consequences—an overwhelming victory. But both came within the recognisable standards of industrial warfare. Both were preceded by a ballot of the members, and both ended when the leadership of the National Union of Mineworkers judged that its objectives had been achieved. The miners went into these strikes united, and they went back united to work.

Mr Scargill is dangerously close to presiding over a defeated rabble. After nearly nine months, important sections of the union have been working throughout. Others, seeing no scope for further negotiations and fed up with the needless sacrifices they have made, are now drifting back to work.

YET Mr Scargill continues to hurl defiance at his rallies in the mining areas as though total victory were still within his grasp. He must know that this is no longer possible. Unless Government assurances on fuel supplies are completely wrong, or unless there is a dramatic change of heart by the members of the key unions in rail and road transport, the docks and the power stations, there will be no power cuts this winter, no three-day week, no economic strangulation which might force surrender by the Board and the Government.

It is fashionable to deride Mr Scargill's generalship—and with good reason. He maladroitness arranged that the strike should be preceded by an overtime ban which, after four months, had already financially weakened his members. Scared of submitting his case to a national ballot (which he would almost certainly have won) he adopted his regional domino strategy, which got around the requirements of the rule book but undermined the legitimacy of the strike.

He wildly underestimated the amount of coal stocks, while overestimating the willingness of other workers to come to the aid of the miners. In pursuit of unconditional surrender, he failed to exploit the substantial concessions made by the Board, particularly in the settlement with the pit deputies' union, Nacods.

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able to handle the consequences of all these failures and miscalculations. The advice, were he to seek it, of almost every experienced union leader in the country would be to put the best possible public relations gloss on the concessions made by the Board, to thank his members for the spirited support they have demonstrated for so long, to urge them to return to work with their pride and their dignity intact, and, for the sake of the future existence of the union, to put behind them the feuds and vendettas which his own tactics so tragically encouraged.

But while Mr Scargill may be a poor general, he is not by any means a fool. Having led his members to expect the impossible it is imperative, if he is to survive himself, to find a scapegoat for his defeat.

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the Tory 'supergrass' finds misfortune

IAN GOW, the Housing Minister, may today ruefully reflect on the vicissitudes of political fortune.

Only a few months ago he was being confidently discussed as a leading contender for the post of Northern Ireland Secretary, and with it the place in Cabinet he has always coveted.

As a dry-as-dust Thatcherite he has always appeared to enjoy the Prime Minister's full confidence. Indeed, as her P.P.S., he gained the nickname "supergrass" among Tory M.P.s, for his reports back to No. 10.

But all that seems to have changed. Earlier this month Gow threatened to resign over a proposed £600 million of Housing cuts.

As a result at a highly-charged meeting with Mrs Thatcher just before Cabinet the accused him of being a "socialist".

I gather that the Prime Minister wonders if there are any Tories in the Party besides me.

Soviets cruise home

THE NATIONAL Union of Mineworkers is not the only political organisation in this country receiving substantial subsidies from the Soviet Union—Westminster Conservatives are also the recipients of "Red gold".

The second prize in the "Two Cities Ball" raffie held at the Savoy on Dec. 4 by Tories from Westminster and City Conservative associations this year happens to be a cruise for two to the Caribbean aboard the Soviet ship, Taras Shevchenko.

Conard and P&O who usually advertise in the ball programme, failed to contribute to this year's festivities in aid of Conservative party funds, so the Russian cruise company CTC Lines not only filled the breach but offered the holiday worth £5,000. This may cause considerable embarrassment to the British companies who have been complaining to the Government that their Russian counterparts are severely undercutting their business.

This week's Wotton-under-Edge Gazette, dealing with a visit to the Bristol Hippodrome by the Welsh National Opera, reports: "Next on the agenda is W.N.O.'s spell-binding production of Puccini's 'La Bohème', featuring favourites like Rodolfo's 'Young Tim Head in Frocks' and Musetta's waltz song."

Story of a scoop...

IF ANY credit is due for the success of BBC Television News's scoop which alerted the world to the tragedy of the Ethiopian famine it should go to a Nairobi-based cameraman.

Mohammed Amin, the bureau chief, of the Visnews film agency in Kenya, first persuaded his organisation of the value of the story and then nego-

## The NUM selects its scapegoats

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those of his supporters repelled by Mr Scargill's powers of manipulation.

Mr Kinnock is also aware that the more he distances himself from Mr Scargill, the angrier this makes Labour supporters in the constituencies. The Left may have its doubts about Mr Scargill, about his tactics, above all his ambitions, but support for the miners has become their touchstone, and Mr Kinnock wriggles at his peril.

What he lacks, of course, is the kind of praetorian guard which in industrial matters could once be guaranteed to defend a Labour leader. The major TUC unions, which are also affiliated to the Labour party, know what Mr Scargill is up to, but they have shied away from doing anything about it. What they are uncomfortably aware of is that they, too, qualify in Mr Scargill's mind as scapegoats for the miners' defeat.

In their case there may be some justice in the charge. At the TUC congress in September the leaders of the trade union movement made promises to the miners that they must have known they could not keep. How easy now for the miners to claim that they were let down by the TUC just as their forefathers were in the aftermath of the General Strike in 1926.

There are worse things in life, though, than to be designated a scapegoat. The duty of the TUC to bring the strike to an orderly and dignified end, since Mr Scargill seems to have no idea of how to go about it, is becoming plainer each day.

IF they are to be scapegoats, let them at least be effective scapegoats. The TUC chairman Mr Jack Eccles has already declared that the national union centre should take over the negotiations: since it is clear that the Board has gone as far as it possibly can to assuage the fears of the miners about their future, such a takeover would imply ending the strike, with it being made clear to the members of the NUM that there is a collective trade union loyalty higher than that accorded for so long to Mr Scargill.

At least that course, which has valid constitutional authority, would take some of the heat off Mr Kinnock. But the Labour movement—and particularly Mr Kinnock, Mr Eccles, Mr Norman Willis and the TUC General Council—plus the working miners, the pit deputies, the networkers and the lobby drivers—had better resign themselves to their fate: singly or collectively, by omission or commission they have, in Mr Scargill's book, betrayed the miners—and, by extension, socialism as well.

There seems to be little love lost between the two Davids, Steel and Owen, these days. The current edition of the party magazine, Social Democrat, is running a story headlined: "Poll shows S.D.P. ahead of Liberals in popularity stakes."

Forgotten forces

PRINCE PHILIP is to head a major fund-raising drive to help colonial veterans who fought for "King and Country" in the days of Empire but who are now forgotten or ignored in their newly independent lands.

Incredibly, there are still up to six million former colonial servicemen who fought with the Indian Army, the King's African Rifles and other proud regiments.

Colonel Guy Stocker, Secretary General of the British Commonwealth Service League, which will launch the appeal next year, tells me that many of the hardship cases among the old campaigners and their widows are distressing, with some third world countries actively hostile to these veterans.

One recent case was a Burmese woman found starving on the steps of a temple in Rangoon clutching only some medals. Her late husband turned out to have joined with the Oxfordshire Light Infantry in 1895.

I'm all right Jap

AUTOCAR magazine reports that Richard Friend, the sales director of Subaru U.K. for the past 10 months, has left the company "on amicable terms."

PETERBOROUGH

## RELATIONSHIP WITH ARGENTINA

From Mr GEORGE ROBERTSON, M.P. (Lab.)

SIR—As a Member of Parliament who supported the sending of the task force to the Falklands two-and-a-half years ago, being in Buenos Aires in the last few days was a strange experience.

Riding in a mini-bus with the "Malvinas" sticker on the front window, passing the "Malvinas are Argentine" hoardings on the roadside, brings one up short.

The sight of the battleship "Kil" sign on the plane of the Air Force chief was a startling reminder to me of the moving funeral in my constituency of the young Hamilton paratrooper who fell at Goose Green.

Yet Argentina has changed, and so must we. We have forcibly to remind ourselves precisely why we sent that task force, why these young men died, and what we owe their memory.

The sacrifice was not to fly a flag over Port Stanley; it was to re-assert the right of a free people to have their say and not be bulldozed by an authoritarian dictatorship with a foul human rights record.

That objective can in the long run be guaranteed not by gunboats and war planes 8,000 miles away from their proper role, but from a peaceful settlement based on a secure relationship with South Atlantic neighbours.

After meetings with the most senior Argentine officials yet to talk to British politicians, I am convinced that we must start moving soon to rebuild our relationship. The present drift is so damaging to us and so costly to the islanders.

There is a deep lack of comprehension of respective views in all camps and that has contributed to the present diplomatic stalemate. Argentina fails to understand the genuine apprehensions of the islanders who still distrust the stability of Argentina's new democracy.

We have not yet grasped the fact of the fundamental change which has occurred in Argentina. The Generals have gone and many are on trial. The new elected President and Parliament are getting down to dealing with mind-boggling economic and social problems.

The new rulers of Argentina have as brave and as prominent a record in fighting the Falkland adventures as the task force, and certainly the pre-

invasion Mrs Thatcher. Their chances of preserving a civilised democratic country would be immeasurably improved by the removal of the constant nationalist upstaging over the "Malvinas".

While we drift, new forces will make a "settlement" less easy. Islander in Buenos Aires will gain in strength as economic restraints about to be imposed by the International Monetary Fund begin to bite. The present genuine desire to be flexible could also be inhibited by the swallowing of the Chile-advantaged Beagle Islands deal.

On our side continuing expenditure on Falklands breeds new habits and ingrained interests in the status quo. Financial advantage will resist any change. On the military front the very necessity to be in the South Atlantic encourages long-term strategic temptations.

There is a stirring of radicalism in the new Latin America, bred out of the poverty, hunger, the inequalities and the financial crisis, and that radicalism can provide unpredictable results. Remember Weimar Germany, if we dare.

Hongkong is often quoted in Buenos Aires as they think it implies a hand-over by Britain which we should emulate over the Falklands. It is a convenient but wholly erroneous conclusion, but some parallels are helpful.

To Hongkong Mrs Thatcher said the agreement must be acceptable to the people—but the people of Hongkong were well prepared in advance for the likely outcome. That could be the case in the Falklands too.

We could start talking—at parliamentary, academic and journalist level about forms of solution to the status of the Falklands: lease-back, joint sovereignty, increasing self-government, the continuation of Argentine democracy; all should be a matter of debate and the debate alone will reduce the tensions.

Hostilities which still exist technically, despite President Alfonsín's denunciation of the use of force, must be rapidly lifted along with the exclusion zone. Visa restrictions can be eased, direct travel reinstated, fishermen allowed back to their old grounds.

At the end of every other thing, both nations and the islanders must start looking for signals and reading them correctly, without suspicion.

GEORGE ROBERTSON  
Dep. Opposition spokesman, Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs  
House of Commons.

## Political debate and the youth workers

SIR—While agreeing with Mr James Anderson's comments (report, Nov. 15) on the dangers of political indoctrination by youth workers, the YMCA, one of the country's largest voluntary youth organisations, would like to stress the importance of toleration among younger and older alike and of building bridges at a time when confrontation is on the increase.

The majority of youth workers encourage the development of citizens who can contribute to political debate without it causing confrontation or prejudice. To ignore this responsibility is to fail in our jobs as youth workers.

The YMCA has worked closely with Mr James Anderson and the Greater Manchester Police in developing programmes to help build bridges between the local community and their police, to promote greater understanding and reduce tension.

After the 1981 Moss Side riots in Manchester the YMCA started operating outdoor education courses for underprivileged young people from inner city areas and their local police. These have proved highly successful and have begun to contribute to the long process of improving relations in tense urban areas.

To maintain a responsible, stable, society we must encourage toleration and understanding at all levels and on all sides—the old, the young, the community, or via the media.

C. JOHN NAYLOR  
Nat. Sec., YMCA  
London, E.17.

## The immobility net

SIR—Mr John Raven (article, Nov. 21) has some ingenious ideas for the coal industry. Is he not being a mite too logical—and logic is not the miners' strong suit?

Yes, somewhere out there, there is probably still a viable coal industry. And there are probably jobs in it for all the miners who choose to return to work, although recruitment of young men would presumably have to be cut back. But the jobs will not be where the present miners live.

This has been the problem for years. The miner likes his village, in the way the prisoner is said to come to love his chains. The fact that the men are trickling back to work does not mean that they have accepted the logic of the need to become mobile.

They are not the only British workers caught in a net of immobility: decades of rent restriction and distorted council rent policy have led to that.

We shall never "create jobs" until we break that immobility net. The danger is that, yet again, the miners will be treated as a special case, and there will be a temptation to offer them special financial inducements to move to where the jobs are. Do they deserve special treatment?

J. T. MUNNION  
Carshalton, Surrey.

## Liberation backlash

SIR—I read with interest your report (Nov. 15) that a wolf and other wild animals were released from a Scottish wildlife park by animal rights campaigners.

Perhaps these people would like to know the fate of the swan which has been resident at my parents' estate, not far from the park, for some time. Charlie defied all the laws by playing with the dog, accepting food at the back door, and bringing his family on to the terrace for our inspection. My father found him the other morning decapitated and disembowelled by a fox.

If they are so concerned about animal liberation, might they consider the rather species living in the countryside before they release predators among them.

(Mrs) I. M. GLASS  
Cambridge.

## In search of scissors

SIR—I recently went into a well-known multiple store to buy a pair of kitchen scissors. Most of those on show were of Japanese origin. The best ones bore the name of an English firm which is an household name for cutting tools. The scissors were made in Finland. What on earth do they do in Sheffield now—apart from playing politics?

How can, one, buy British if we do not make the tools sold by British firms?

(Dr) M. H. HUGHES  
Lusitania, Devon.

## Historical parallel with the 1914 situation

SIR—The controversy raised by the letters of Dr R. E. Dawson (Nov. 15) and Mr John Terrance (Nov. 21) is very instructive. On the one hand it suggests that the First World War was caused by an arms race that ran out of control. On the other it is argued that the Second World War was brought about by the disarmament movement of the 1930s, which led Hitler to believe that he could achieve his aims by force.

Both arguments are correct. The problem now is to avoid the two very different mistakes that were made before the First World War and the Second, in order to prevent a Third.

It is the situation before 1914 that forms the closer historical parallel. German policy then (as Western policy today) was dominated by the fear of Russia. The "Great Programme" of Russian rearmament so terrified German strategists that they resolved upon a "preventive war" (for which Serbia is 1914 was the pretext).

The build-up of German weaponry struck equal terror into the hearts of British and French politicians. A full-scale arms race was fuelled by a deluded belief in the "deterrent" effect of modern military technology (Dreadnoughts then, Trident submarines now).

It is the apparently unstoppable momentum of military escalation which drives people towards the opposite extreme of unconditional disarmament. But there is a middle way. It lies in arms control agreements based on a real willingness to make concessions. The strength of the Western position means that we should be able to take the first step—for example, a moratorium on the further deployment of cruise missiles.

It takes courage to conclude a political agreement with your ideological enemies. But conservative politicians enjoying strong popular support have sometimes found the courage needed to take unpopular decisions (de Gaulle's settlement with Algeria).

President Reagan will have earned the unifying gratitude of mankind if he can overcome his own prejudices, curb the hawks in his own administration, and conclude an arms control agreement with the Soviet Union before it is too late.

EDWARD TIMMS  
Gouville and Caius College,  
Cambridge.

## On the record

SIR—Under the heading "The Old Lie About War" (Nov. 15), Dr R. E. Dawson perpetrates two old canards concerning the two world wars.

The first is that the soldiers in the 1914 war were led to be slaughtered by officers regarded as cowards. This is patently untrue. The junior officers, i.e. those who formed the great majority of the officer corps and who did the leading on the ground, shared their men's agony, doubt and disappointment, to a considerable degree, as is evident reading Sassoon, Graves, and countless other diaries and letters in regimental museum archives can attest to.

The second more serious assumption is that war has to be avoided at all costs. At what cost? In Poland and many other occupied nations might we have avoided war in 1939? As so often in this world we frequently have to choose between two evils rather than straight black and white.

DAVID DOWNE  
Major,  
Director, West Midlands  
Area Museum Service,  
Bromsgrove, Worcs.

## Wind power

SIR—Mr Rodney Atkinson's letter (Nov. 20) headed "Energy and Market Disciplines" calls for comment.

I was engaged for five years on a hydro-electric project, now part of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co., California. I was involved in the 1965 report "the company leads the nation's utilities in wind-power generation. It has 155,000 kilowatts of capacity already connected to its system and has contracts for 40,000 kilowatts more."

The wind-power is supplied by large number of windmills generating power enterprise who benefit by private concession. Together with a small tax storage or hydro-power this is a cheap cost for energy so that fossil fuels are no longer used by the company. This suggestion could apply to Scotland.

G. R. FALKNER NUTTALL  
Richmond, Surrey.



# Land 'swap' brings prime sites offer to Soviet embassy

By CHARLES LAURENCE

THE Russians have been offered two prime sites in London to develop major new embassy enclaves in a diplomatic swap for a new British embassy in Moscow.

One of the sites covers numbers 1 to 7 Kensington Palace Gardens, known variously as Millionaire's Row or Embassy Row, and will almost certainly involve demolition of most of the listed buildings there.

The second site is at 245 Warwick Road, near Olympia in West Kensington, where the Russians are expected to build a forbidding wall enclave with flats, a swimming pool, sauna, gymnasium and school for diplomatic children.

The offer of the sites was revealed in a Parliamentary answer by Mr. Tim Renton, Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, to a question from Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Conservative MP for Kensington, who has led protest battles against previous schemes for a "Kensington Kremlin".

Diplomatic duels over embassy buildings in Moscow and London go back to 1952 when Stalin, in one of the last acts of his rule, issued a formal notice to the British to quit the 10th century mansion on the south bank of the River Thames which they still occupy.

## Source of irritation

The Moscow embassy faces the red brick walls and gilded domes of the Kremlin, and the sight of the Union flag fluttering beyond their office windows has become a fabled source of irritation to the Politburo.

Sir Anthony Acland, Foreign Office Permanent Under-Secretary, is due to visit Moscow at the end of this month to inspect two sites on offer from the Kremlin further down the river in the area known as the foreign quarter.

A spokesman at the Foreign Office said that the formal decision to exchange "suitable sites" had been made in 1964, but this year had proved favourable for negotiations on the Crown Leases on the Soviet buildings in London were up for renewal, giving Britain a negotiating stance to equal Stalin's original notice to quit.

The British have hung on to

their embassy on one-year leases since 1952.

Mr. Renton said in the Commons that "normal planning procedures" would apply to the Russian developments. A spokesman at Kensington and Chelsea Council said they were "not aware" of any plans submitted so far.

Sir Brandon said he understood that the Russians long dreamed of walled enclaves would go on the Warwick Road site, with the Kensington Palace Gardens site being developed for offices and embassy reception areas. The Russian ambassador is to keep his existing residence at 15 Kensington Palace Gardens.

The Russians already occupy number 5 with their Consulate and are expected to give up number 15 which they also occupy.

The future of their enclaves in Notting Hill and at Highgate in North London remain uncertain, but most of the 300 Russian diplomats and their dependents are expected to gather in the new developments when they are complete.

## High walls

Sir Brandon said: "We expect them to build their high walls on the Warwick Road, which is a less sensitive site, but I am sure there will be demolition in Kensington Palace Gardens as well."

"Although the buildings there are listed, I would not be opposed if they come forward with good plans for replacement buildings that are in keeping with the area."

"I know this will anger some of my constituents, who object to the removal of even a fake of plaster, but one has to be realistic. This site is disconnected from the rest of the avenue and has already been heavily developed."

Sir Brandon led the successful protest against an earlier scheme to let the Russians develop the site of the old Kensington Barracks in Church Street.

# Private road no escape for drink-driver

DRIVING to the pub along a private road is no protection from the drink-driving laws, Lord Justice ROBERT GOFF and Mr Justice McCULLOUGH ruled in the Appeal Court yesterday.

Providing the public have access to a road, the police can lawfully stop and breath-test motorists driving along it, they said.

The appeal was brought by a Devon man, whom the judges heard, had used the same private road from his home to his "local" for years.

But one night as he was driving home, police investigating a burglar alarm stopped him and made him take a breath-test, which proved positive.

The judges dismissed the appeal by IAN BLACKMORE, of Wells Fargo, Kynocks Estate, East-the-water, Bideford, against his conviction in April for drink-driving.

## SPORTSMAN CLEARED Not on highway

Jeff Gutteridge, the pole vaulter, was acquitted at Bow Street of a drink-driving charge because he had not been on the public highway.

Mr Gutteridge, 27, of Sussex Close, Slough, who came 11th in the Los Angeles Games, had been at a Lancaster House reception, attended by the Prime Minister, for the British Olympic team, on Sept. 4.

He was questioned by police as he left the "restricted" car park near an entrance to St James's Palace.

## DRIVE-CHARGE M P FINED

Dr John Cunningham 45, Labour MP for Copeland, in West Cumbria, and Shadow Environment Secretary, was found guilty by Wigan magistrates yesterday of careless driving on the A595 between Carlisle and Cockermouth on May 29. He had denied the charge. He was fined £35 with £54-51 costs.

A cyclist, Angela Robinson, 14, from Torpenhow, Cumbria, was injured when she was thrown on to the bonnet of Dr Cunningham's car.

# Nancy Reagan admits rift in First Family

By IAN BRODIE in Los Angeles

MRS NANCY REAGAN admitted yesterday what many Washington insiders have known for months, that she and President Reagan are estranged from his adopted son, Michael.

But in a bitter counter-statement, Mr Michael Reagan said he was "absolutely stunned" by his step-mother's remarks and we had "no feelings of estrangement at all."

He did confirm, however, that President Reagan has never seen his youngest grand-daughter, now aged 19 months.

The First Family feud surfaced on the Thanksgiving holiday when American families gather over turkey to commemorate the Pilgrim Fathers.

Michael was the only one of the four Reagan children not among the guests at his father's ranch near Santa Barbara, California, for Thanksgiving dinner.

## Business controversy

In her interview with a syndicated columnist, Mrs Reagan, 61, said there had been an estrangement for three years with Michael, 38, who was adopted by Mr Reagan and his first wife, the actress, Jane Wyman.

Mrs Reagan said: "I think really we should now say this and get it all done with so we can put these questions behind us."

"We are sorry about it. We hope that some day it will be solved. We do not believe and have never believed in discussing family problems in public. And that's it."

Although Mrs Reagan did not divulge the cause of the estrangement, it apparently began around the time Michael became embroiled in a controversy over using his father's name in a business letter soliciting military contracts.

It led to his resignation from an executive sales position with a military parts supplier in Los Angeles.

## 'Absolutely stunned'

Michael spent Thanksgiving in Omaha, Nebraska, at his in-laws with his second wife, Colleen. He said: "I was absolutely stunned by the holiday greeting that Colleen and I received from my stepmother."

"For the first time since my wife and I were married nine years ago, we are spending Thanksgiving with her family in Nebraska. Besides, we were never invited to spend this Thanksgiving at the Reagan family ranch."

"It appears to us that Nancy is attempting to justify the fact that Dad and her have not seen their newest grand-child (Ashley, 19 months) once since her birth."

"I have no feelings of estrangement at all. If there is a conflict, it would be a feeling of resentment that Nancy has toward me and my family."

## BABY SURVIVES OPERATION TO BUILD HEART

A baby born with most of her heart missing has become the first in Britain to survive an operation to build the missing parts using sections from a donor organ.

Catherine Coates, aged eight months, of Cromwell Avenue, Filey, North Yorkshire, had nine hours of surgery earlier this month. She is now progressing at home with her mother Carol.

The paediatric surgeon, Mr Duncan Walker of Killingbeck Hospital, Leeds, said: "We have been trying for years to succeed in this operation. We are very hopeful Catherine will continue to make good progress."



Mr T. J. Albert Jackson, 42, from Tampa, Florida, happily taking up two seats on an aeroplane from Florida to Nassau, Bahamas, where he will take part in the "Good Times Festival." Mr Jackson, who is 6ft 4inches tall and weighs 62st 4lb, claims to be the world's largest man.

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# Open Register sought

CONSERVATION groups are banding together to launch an attack on the Government and local authorities in a bid to make the Land Register open to public inspection.

It follows the initiative by the Law Commission to seek the views of interested parties as to whether the Register should be available for inspection.

The Law Commission set up in 1985 by the Government for the purpose of reviewing the law and possible simplification and reform is asking whether it would be in the public interest to open the Land Register.

The Commission suggests that some form of partial opening could achieve a balance between the interest of the public in obtaining information about land ownership and the interest of proprietors in keeping their private affairs confidential.

Against the argument is the suggestion that administrative problems might make additional demands on the Registry's resources.

The Register is already open in some respects, but it is thought that its scope could be

extended to include potential purchasers: those wishing to sue the owner or serve notice on him; tenants wishing to identify the landlord; purchasers of leaseholds wishing to discover covenants and charges affecting a superior title.

Conservationists are solidly in favour of an open Register. The 40,000-strong Ramblers Association said: "If an obstructed footpath is reported to us we want to be able to find out who the landowner is and, if necessary, prosecute him."

The Association claims that a great many of the 100,000 miles of public rights of way in England and Wales are illegally blocked or ploughed up.

Friends of the Earth, in its recent proposals for a Natural Heritage Bill, shows that opening the Land Register to public inspection would greatly assist in the work of protecting important wildlife sites.

The Ramblers Association said that the public already had access to the Register of ownership of common land, under the Commons Registration Act 1965. Application from landowners to carry out developments on their land is also open to public inspection in planning departments.

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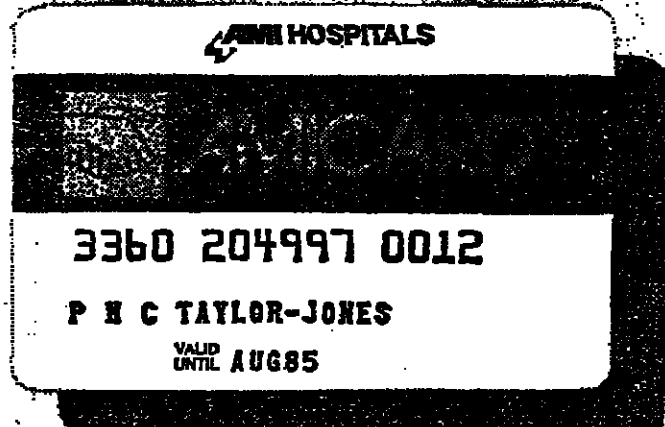
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# International Stores sold to Dee for £180m

By JOHN RUDOLPH

HIGHLY ambitious Alec Monk, chairman of Dee Corporation, yesterday pulled off his biggest deal yet, agreeing to pay £180 million to BAT Industries for its 380-strong chain of International Stores.

The move doubles the number of Dee's stores which trade predominantly under the Gateway name and almost doubles its turnover. The deal, announced by Dee's chairman, Alec Monk, and BAT's chairman, Patrick Sheehy, is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Dee's move into the grocery market is a significant step for the company, which has traditionally been a clothing and footwear retailer. The International Stores chain, which was founded in 1960, has grown to become one of the largest grocery chains in the UK.

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## CITY COMMENT

# UK clearers are yanked into line on base rates

if they choose and cynics may still conclude the banks have been a little obvious in timing their latest cuts to provide "support" for the British Telecom issue - which it patently does not need to ensure its success.

Lloyds Bank, meanwhile, is helping put more pressure on mortgage rates, cutting its cheapest rate to 11½ p.c. and a true rate of 12.5 p.c., which makes it now one of the most competitive.

The Fed's move followed news that the economy grew by less than 2 p.c. in the third quarter, a dramatic slowdown from the breakneck expansion of 7 p.c. in the second quarter and 10 p.c. in the first, with every sign that the fourth quarter will be equally sluggish.

The discount rate cut is likely to be followed shortly by reductions in American banks' prime interest rates.

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## Fed uneasy about economy

IN AN unusually inquisitive accompanying statement the Fed said it acted "against the background of growth in M1 and M2 in the lower part of the desired (money target) ranges and in the context of distinct moderation in the pace of business expansion, of relative stability in producer and commodity prices in recent months, of the restrained trend of wages and costs and of the continued strength of the dollar internationally."

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## Enthusiasm for export bank

NEWS THAT Mr Lawson, the Chancellor, may be prepared to sponsor the creation of a private sector export bank had the City brimming over with enthusiasm yesterday, even though there were some doubts about whether the scheme will ever get off the ground.

The verdict among top bankers is that the idea deserves to be taken seriously as Britain is one of the very few major industrialised countries which does not already have an institution devoted to financing long-term export projects.

The text book examples of countries which do are America, with its Export-Import Bank, and Japan with its own institution of the same name. Then there is the Export Development Corporation of Canada and the French equivalent, Banque Française de Commerce Extérieur.

The British are just as active as their main industrial rivals in providing financial support for exports. Here, the money is lent direct to foreign buyers of British goods by individual banks instead of through a centralised institution.

The banks lend with the backing of the Export Credits Guarantee Department, the arm of Government which provides insurance cover for British exporters.

According to ECGD figures, banks in Britain have a total of £11.5 billion on loan to foreign buyers of British goods, most of that in the form of medium-term credits. Roughly half the total has been lent in sterling, the rest in foreign currencies, mainly dollars.

There is thus little evidence to suggest that British exporters have been at a disadvantage in spite of the absence in Britain of an export bank. Britain's big high street banks estimate that between them they have £6 billion on loan under ECGD's fixed rate export financing scheme.

A new institution could, however, play a useful role even if it does not supplant the existing system of export financing altogether. A key function would be to increase the total availability of export finance by raising funds on international capital markets.

Banks say there may also be some specialist gaps in the present system which could usefully be filled.

One problem is the Government's clear insistence that any new export bank be a private sector affair. This is a strict requirement as export banks everywhere else tend to be Government owned. Creating a private institution strong enough to raise runs on competitive terms in international capital markets could be a major challenge for the City.

## Oil prices drift near crisis levels

OIL PRICES weakened again on the Rotterdam spot market yesterday, falling close to the crisis levels which hit sterling in July.

Crude from the Brent Field of Shell-Eso in the North Sea was quoted at only £27.50 a barrel for delivery in January. This was 15 cents down on the previous day and compares with the official price of £30.65 a barrel.

Mild weather and continuing over-production despite efforts of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to restrict output is undermining prices just when they would normally be rising ahead of winter.

WHETHER you are widowed, retired or unemployed, your State benefits will be increased on Monday. Family Money-go-round looks at who is going to

WHOSE mortgages are cheapest, now that housebuyers have the chance to shop around? Saturday's City pages compare the top five banks, lenders, and highlights the best-buys.

WE look at how the Government can help small shopkeepers and other businesses - and how they can hinder their progress.

JOIN in The Daily Telegraph's "Last Pound" competition. Our prizes are waiting for readers with lucky numbers, and we guarantee a winner by the year-end. Find out how to play in tomorrow's paper.

ON Saturday Scrutineer looks at some unusual activity involving the board of a quoted company and finds out how another company chairman took some very unexpected news.

STOCK EXCHANGE chairman Sir Nicholas Goddison confirmed yesterday in his semi-annual statement to members that an extraordinary meeting will be held next year in order to approve constitutional changes ahead of the "big bang" dismantling of minimum commissions.

The regular half-yearly informal meeting of members will take place next Wednesday to discuss recent events and the interim financial position. That shows a pre-tax profit of £2.3 million, against £5.1 million in the corresponding period.

Over the six months, the Stock Exchange quotations department investigated 27 possible cases of insider dealing, with the result that nine cases were passed to the Department of Trade and Industry.

On the matter of the new membership rules, which are anxiously awaited by those firms who have already entered into potential merger arrangements with outside bodies, the statement says that the proposals will be in members' hands by next January.

THE timely arrival of the £228 million refund from the Common Market which headed off a record deficit of £283 million on visible trade in goods, the Department of Trade and Industry announced yesterday.

Together with the estimated surplus of £250 million on other markets, the £228 million refund reduced the overall current account deficit for October to £73 million.

For September the trade deficit was revised upwards to £828 million from the original estimate of £764 million and the current account deficit for September has been revised up to £578 million.

Britain's exports last month rose by 7.5 p.c. to £6,291 million, but imports, boosted by a rush of goods to anticipate the accelerated payment of value added tax, leaped by £470 million to a record £7,142 million.

The monthly surplus in trade in oil and oil products also fell by almost £200 million to £388 million with oil exports falling just over £80 million and oil imports rising by more than £100 million, reflecting the efforts necessary to beat the miners strike.

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## Boots climbs to £79.9m

HELPED by a favourable review of labour and overhead costs on its dispensing business, Boots increased its profits for the half year to Sept. 30, from £55.1m to £79.9m before tax.

For the second half, Boots is expecting a continuing profit improvement, although the rate of increase is likely to be less.

The interim dividend is lifted from 5p to 7.5p a share payable Jan. 11.

Boots has agreed to acquire 95 p.c. of the equity of a Munich-based pharmaceutical company, Knoll Arzneimittel.

Question-P27

## BPCC change

BRITISH Printing and Communications Corporation has dropped plans to offer a convertible stock alternative to its 500p a share offer for John Waddington.

The formal cash offer discloses that the offer period will not be extended beyond the first closing date Dec. 13, unless the bid has been declared unconditional by then.

Question-P27

## Kier tops £6m

BUILDING and contracting group French Kier has increased interim pre-tax profits from £5.65m to £6.3m in the six months to June 30, as the group reports that the improving trends are continuing in the second-half.

The interim dividend is to be raised from 1.5p net to 1.55p, payable Dec. 31.

Question-P27

## Sedgwick sale

IN ACCORDANCE with the divestment requirements in the Lloyd's Act 1982, Sedgwick Group is selling its 58 p.c. interest in Edwards & Payne. (Underwriting Agencies) to Sturge Holdings, for £4.5m.

Just under £4m of the price paid by Sturge, one of the largest independent groups of underwriting agents at Lloyd's, will be for control with the rest in Sturge Ordinary shares.

Edwards & Payne is forecasting a pre-tax profit of about £1.3m in the current year.

## EMAP peak

MAJOR improvements in publishing operations have helped East Midlands Allied Press push opening half pre-tax profits up from £3.1m to a record £3.54m. It would have done even better but for development costs in its new exhibition division, run-up

U.S. HOLIDAY

UNITED STATES banks and markets were closed yesterday for Thanksgiving Day.

costs for the new magazine press and administrative expenses and interest charges associated with two acquisitions. All have been written off against profits.

It is expected a second-half profit to be comfortably ahead of last time's £2.63m.

The interim is 0.82p (0.77p) on Jan. 4 from earnings of 2.5p (2.5p).

Extel's U.S. loss

A LOSS in the United States by Digital Microsystems due to sales and management problems and a £244,000 increase in the interest charge to £21,000, has restricted Extel Group's pre-tax profit growth in the opening half.

Turnover was up £13.5m to £83.5m but the rise in pre-tax profits is just £36,000 to £5.24m.

The interim is 1.3p (equal same) on £83.5m 7 from earnings of 6.5p (equal to 7.2p).

Duffryn falls

THE MINERS' strike, as chairman Viscount Sandon warned in August, has hit Powell Duffryn with the shipping side swinging from a £1.7m trading profit to a £349,000 loss in the opening half and the group's pre-tax output back from £6.55m to £5.5m.

The interim is again 5p, payable Jan. 7.

Merrydown ahead

MERRYDOWN Wine profits growth continues with the first half pre-tax output on by just over 55 p.c. from £363,000 to £563,300 on a 7 p.c. turnover rise to £4.12m.

The interim is 1p (equal to 0.85p) payable Jan. 7.

WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM (ANF CBI Gen.) 174.40 - 0.60

BRUSSELS (1000 Index) 156.56 + 0.32

FRANKFURT (Continental bank) 1,082.30 + 6.50

HONGKONG (Hank Song) 1,087.81 + 3.46

PARIS (CAC General) 1,080.00 - 0.10

SYDNEY (All Ord.) 772.70 - 1.60

TOKYO (Nikkei Dow) 11,207.70 - 42.09

ZURICH (Credit Suisse) 312.80 + 0.60

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COMPANIES

# Burnett interim pleases market

A MAINTAINED 4p net interim dividend for Burnett & Hallamshire was enough yesterday to push the group's shares up higher at 155p despite interim pre-tax profits down again—this time from £4.9 million to £2.4 million.

The country's biggest private coal producer is suffering from the miners' strike. Only one of the "Rexco" plants is open and the company has no NCB mine waste to re-process.

On the other hand, its fuel transportation business and coal importing side has gained. The South African side is at last back in profits.

Elsewhere, Californian property developments are being scaled down which in the short term will have little effect on profits but will cut balance-sheet gearing. For the long-term future, the group has high hopes to develop a major Northern Ireland "brown coal" find.

## Gieves

THE lower pre-tax profits that Gieves Group anticipated this time because of expansion plans, have been offset by the first half cut-back down from earnings by 1.5p to 2.7p.

Moreover, the group now feels that full year profits will be down on the £1m range indicated in the accounts for 1983-84 which yielded £2.2m. This does not affect the intention to effectively increase the dividend total at 2.5p and there is a 1p equal to 0.75p interim on Dec 22.

## Tricentrol

TRICENTROL's third quarter has produced a net profit of £10.2m against £7.5m in spite of a swing from a petroleum revenue tax credit of £200,000 to a £2.2m charge. This gives the group £21.5m (£16.1m) at the nine-month mark and earnings of 25.2p (19.1p).

Below the line there is an extraordinary charge of £50.9m (nil) relating to a loss on sale of certain United States assets and a deferred tax credit. In the quarter British oil and gas profits rose 21.9m to £11.2m.

## IN BRIEF

**Flogas:** Interim dividend brought forward 1.8p (10-18p) payable Dec 22.

**M.M.T. Computing:** Full year pre-tax profit £553,000 (£201,000). Turnover £1.33m (£948,000). EPS 4.4p (£3.2p). Final dividend 2.25p making 2.25p (1.68p). Forward orders good.

**Cement Roadstone Holdings:** Second interim in line of final 1.7p, payable Dec 31, making 2.7p (2.435p).

**Thomas Locker (Holdings):** First half p/t p/t £1.65m (£940,000). T/o £15.8m (£12.5m). EPS 1.26p (1.05p). Extraordinary item charge £433,000 (nil), relating to estimated costs of moving performing plant from Greenwich to Warrington, thus rationalising all group's British performing in one location. Int div 0.35p (same), pay Jan 2. Order books up—second half profits should top 2.7p (2.435p).

**United Computer and Technology Holdings:** First half p/t p/t £553,000 (£201,000). Dividends and interest received £94,000 (£119,000). EPS 1.26p (1.05p). NAV 135p (160p). As usual, interim, Board anticipates a moderate increase in dividend.

**James Cream:** First half p/t p/t £1.31m (£1,205,000). T/o £157.1m (£134.1m). EPS 7.38p (5.88p). Int div 4.5p (4.125p), pay Feb. 8.

## THE QUESTOR COLUMN

# No extra time in Waddington game

WHAT a check, British Printing & Communications Corporation fights shy of making a profits forecast for itself but is quite happy to project a "best estimate" of profits for its intended takeover victim, John Waddington.

A forecast from BPCC would not, to be fair, be especially valuable to Waddington shareholders as they are being offered only cash. BPCC has dropped its plans for a convertible loan stock alternative because of the recent weakness of BPCC shares.

That weakness was not, furthermore, without foundation. BPCC's printing division has met with "teething troubles" in bringing up major new items of equipment into full production.

A profits shortfall there will be outweighed by substantially increased property profits, says BPCC, confirming that the full year will see a figure of £22 million of 1985.

BPCC reckons Waddington will make around £5.5 million, which would also represent a very substantial increase on 1983-84 profits—although one would never guess so from the tone of the BPCC letter.

In passing, BPCC also sakes the Waddington chairman but lets shareholders know that the managing director can stay on—although he may have other ideas himself, having worked within the BPCC group in the past.

Waddington claims that BPCC never tried to reach agreement on terms but, since the Waddington share price at 55p, is already 55p ahead of the 500p BPCC cash offer, talks would obviously have been futile to both sides.

BPCC at least plans to make the coming takeover battle short, even if it is going to be bloody. It will not be extending the bid beyond the first closing date on December 15, which by implication means that if it plans to increase it the uplift will have to come within the next week.

Waddington is prepared to play the same and produce interim results within the next week or so. Until then shareholders should either stay put or well in the market.

But while the retailing side is seeing healthy and nutritious margins, the industrial division is suffering a squeeze which, leaving aside exchange gains, has meant substantial profits in the first half.

The United States saw double profits but that was before the outbreak of the ibuprofen price war. Fortunately this is restricted to the prescription strengths, and the over-the-counter versions, Advil in the United States and Nurofen in the United Kingdom, are gaining market share.

But nevertheless, standstill second-half profits on the industrial side are the best hope.

International ambitions will be furthered by the latest acquisition, which gives Boots full distribution and marketing capability in Germany, and North American acquisitions are still being sought.

Meanwhile, the shares, at 204p, have had a good run and responded to profit-taking yesterday. They rank a hold tag on a price-earnings ratio of 14 times, but should be bought on weakness.

French Kier under a cloud FOR a contracting company to keep profits moving ahead these days is an achievement in itself and French Kier can take a

higher incidence of contract completions. Current order books are lower than this time last year with the United Kingdom down from £210 million to £201 million and overseas down from £80 million to £74 million. This must cast a cloud over medium-term growth prospects.

In the shorter term the group's liquidity will stand it in good stead. Cash balances are standing at around £35 million and the increase in interest receivable this year should be enough to help profits up to around £16 million against £14.5 million pre-tax.

The cash balances should also allow it to come through what threatens to be a very tough period in better shape than most of its rivals. But its shares, at 150p, are on a prospective earnings multiple of six, and overseas performance which given the company's heavy dependence on contracting, could remain at a discount to the prospective sector average of seven times earnings for some time ahead.

how for producing interim pre-tax profits to June 53 up from £3.63 million to £6.32 million pre-tax.

The question remains, though, about how long this can last. The company has implied that the second six months will maintain the first-half improvement, but at the same time it warns of the difficulties being encountered both in the United Kingdom and overseas.

The civil engineering market in the United Kingdom has virtually collapsed over the last year or so, and French Kier, which is 60-p.c. involved in contracting, has already felt the pinch.

This is demonstrated by the first-half drop in pre-tax profits from Europe—largely the United Kingdom—from £2.98 million to £1.58 million. That has been offset by a strong performance which given the company's heavy dependence on contracting, could remain at a discount to the prospective sector average of seven times earnings for some time ahead.

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## MONEY & EXCHANGES

STERLING held up well against a slightly weaker dollar yesterday but lost ground to major Continental currencies on oil price fears and news of cuts in British bank base rates.

By the close, the pound was up from \$-225 to \$1-275. Its inter-

national value was also steady at 75.1, despite losses against the Deutschmark.

National Westminster led the way with a cut from 10 p.c. to 8.5 p.c. in its base lending rate.

The Bank of England adjusted its own dealing rates to reflect the base rate cuts later in the day.

## THE POUND ABROAD

22-11-84	Prev. close
Austria.....	22.52-58
Belgium.....	22.52-58
Canada.....	1.6140-1.6170
Denmark.....	1.6170-1.6180
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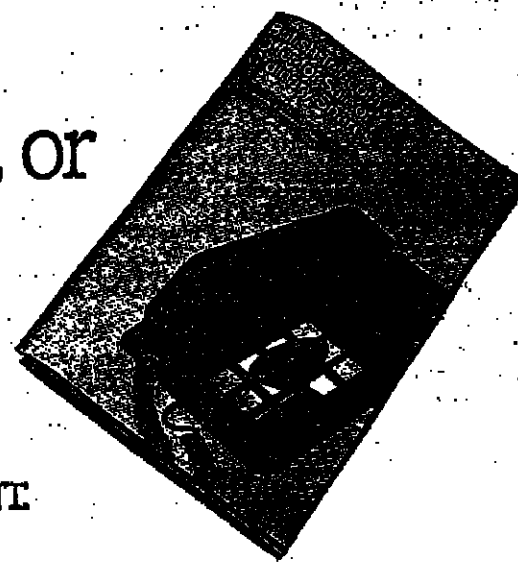


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# Making room for beginners

lural features were retained during the building work, and so living rooms have floor-to-ceiling stained glass windows and exposed stonework and arches.

A development which is appealing to the better-off first-time buyer is Barratt Central, a £10 million development by Barratt on the site of the former Western Hospital, in Seagrave Road.

The eight-acre site cost Barratt £5.4 million, and now a total of 345 apartments of varying sizes are under construction. Two acres of 100 trees have been retained to give the development a village atmosphere, and owners have exclusive use of a swimming pool and other amenities.

The first apartments are about to be occupied, and the first three furnished show flats will be available. In the first phase prices range between £47,500 and £90,000.

Mr David Pretty, managing director of Barratt Central London, says he has been searching for some time for the sort of site where it could provide the sort of landscaped environment and facilities that have become commonplace in North America. He is pleased to have secured a builder who specialises in the first-time buyer market is Bellway Homes (South East). Indeed last year

A black and white photograph of a large, multi-story brick building, identified as Brompton Park in Fulham. The building features a central section with a prominent arched window on the upper floor, flanked by rectangular windows. The ground floor has large, multi-paned windows. The building is set back from the street, and a low wall or fence is visible in the foreground. The overall style is that of a high-quality architectural photograph from a mid-20th-century publication.


0 per cent of its customers were in this category. The company has produced a booklet, "Guide to buying your home," which is, it says, specifically designed to help young people starting on the home-ownership trail by removing all the "gobbledygook."

The company prides itself on providing greater space rather than things, the apartments measuring about 360 sq. ft.

At present Bellway (South East) has developments including apartments at South Norwood, Blackheath, Mitcham and Woking. They start in price at around £25,500 which means that with the company's 100 per cent mortgage offer a single person earning about £7,500 a year could buy one, even if he did have to sit on orange boxes for a while.

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## UNESCO NOT GIVING VALUE SAYS HOWE

By JAMES MacMANUS Diplomatic Staff

**THE Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, told Parliament yesterday that Britain had not been satisfied that its membership of the 161-nation Unesco body was giving value for money. By serving notice to quit at the end of 1985, the Government was retaining the option of using its contributions to better purpose.**

He added that Britain would still make its contribution to the organisation's 1985 budget which, at £5.2 million, represents 4.6 per cent of income for next year.

In April, Mr. Raison, Minister for Overseas Development, made a formal complaint about Unesco's policies and raised the prospect of a British walkout unless there were substantial reforms.

The agency has been widely criticised for wasteful expenditure on ill-defined projects and for a Third World bias which has led to constant anti-Western rhetoric and a clumsy attempt to suppress the free flow of information from developing countries.

But E.E.C. countries and members of the Commonwealth have appeared to Britain to remain in Unesco and help reform the 38-year-old organisation from within.

Anger with chief

However, Ministers take a dim view of the prospects for internal reform and feel that the notice to quit will act as greater pressure on the Senegalese Director-General, Mr. Amadou Mahtar Mbow, to curb the financial and fiscal excesses for which Unesco has become infamous.

The widespread criticisms of Mr. Mbow's management of the organisation are generally based in Europe, but have infuriated the Reagan administration in Washington.

The United States has already given the required years notice and will leave Unesco at the end of the year depriving the agency of 25 per cent of its budget.

The American decision and strong pressure from a number of Western nations has produced a number of reforms within Unesco's sprawling Paris headquarters, including greater accountability for Mbow and his personal secretariat of 42.

But in the eyes of Washington and London the major

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By JAMES WIGHTMAN

Uproar condemned

The Prime Minister also said that the Opposition's charges of "callousness and vindictiveness" should be turned upon those in the NUM who are prepared to use the money for mob violence rather than for the benefits issue on Monday.

The Labour MPs were unrepentant yesterday. Their front-bench, led by Mr. Hattersley in the absence of Mr. Kinnock who is in Russia, had made no attempt to stop their demonstration and did not make any criticism of it.

But there was concern at Westminster over whether the demonstration was a single, spontaneous move or the start of a concerted plan to disrupt the Commons business in support of the miners' strike and other Left-wing causes.

Many of the MPs who took part in the demonstration are members of the 50-strong "campaign group" which have been at the fore of support for Mr. Scargill, N.U.M. president, and Mr. Livingstone, G.L.C. leader, as well as for the recent unsuccessful campaign by Mr. Wedgwood Benn to seek a return to the Shadow Cabinet.

Labour claimed that the change in benefits would make the families of striking miners £1 a week worse off in what they described as "a turning of the screw" on the miners. They accused the Government of "cheating" by announcing the change through a written Commons answer rather than a statement from a minister in the House.

But the Prime Minister and Mr. Fowler denied the Labour charges. One of the noisiest Question Times for a long time that some 85 per cent of miners' families would have a net cash increase in their benefit, about 6,000 would have no change and only about 100 people were likely to receive less benefit.

**SOLUTION No. 18,306**

Yesterday's Quick Solitaire: 1 Toad, 2 Knew, 3 Lucid, 4 Antelope, 10 Enured, 11 Seal, 12 Ball, 13 Ball, 14 Ball, 15 Ball, 16 Ball, 17 Ball, 18 Ball, 19 Ball, 20 Ball, 21 Ball, 22 Ball, 23 Ball, 24 Ball, 25 Ball, 26 Ball, 27 Ball, 28 Ball, 29 Ball, 30 Ball, 31 Ball, 32 Ball, 33 Ball, 34 Ball, 35 Ball, 36 Ball, 37 Ball, 38 Ball, 39 Ball, 40 Ball, 41 Ball, 42 Ball, 43 Ball, 44 Ball, 45 Ball, 46 Ball, 47 Ball, 48 Ball, 49 Ball, 50 Ball, 51 Ball, 52 Ball, 53 Ball, 54 Ball, 55 Ball, 56 Ball, 57 Ball, 58 Ball, 59 Ball, 60 Ball, 61 Ball, 62 Ball, 63 Ball, 64 Ball, 65 Ball, 66 Ball, 67 Ball, 68 Ball, 69 Ball, 70 Ball, 71 Ball, 72 Ball, 73 Ball, 74 Ball, 75 Ball, 76 Ball, 77 Ball, 78 Ball, 79 Ball, 80 Ball, 81 Ball, 82 Ball, 83 Ball, 84 Ball, 85 Ball, 86 Ball, 87 Ball, 88 Ball, 89 Ball, 90 Ball, 91 Ball, 92 Ball, 93 Ball, 94 Ball, 95 Ball, 96 Ball, 97 Ball, 98 Ball, 99 Ball, 100 Ball, 101 Ball, 102 Ball, 103 Ball, 104 Ball, 105 Ball, 106 Ball, 107 Ball, 108 Ball, 109 Ball, 110 Ball, 111 Ball, 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